Sliding into the Ditch of Mysticism Christ at the Core 13 Colossians 2:16-19 January 23, 2011

- 1. Describe your feelings the last time you had something stolen? What did you do to reclaim your possessions? What thieves do you face spiritually? What are they trying to steal?
- 2. Read Hebrews 8:5 and 10:1. When you read the Old Testament, do you understand the shadows that point to the substance of Christ? How do you see Christ in the Old Testament?
- 3. <u>Discuss this statement</u>: "Some people allow the immensity of God to swallow up the knowability of God." Do you ever make this mistake? Do you feel like you know God?
- 4. Do you ever face any spiritual bullies? What do they do to intimidate you? How do you react when someone says, "God told me..." or "God told me to tell you..." Do you ever say that?
- 5. <u>Discuss this statement</u>: "The further you get away from the written Word of God the less confidence you can have that you have heard from God."
- 6. Read the following verses regarding angels: Psalm 34:7, Revelation 19:10, Gal. 1:8, 2Corinthians 11:14. What do you learn about the role of angels? <u>Discuss this statement</u>: "Fallen angels stand ready to feed your spiritual hunger with spiritual poison."
- 7. Do you ever become "bored with Jesus" and go on a search for mystical experiences? How does this open you up to spiritual attack?
- 8. Read Deut. 18:10. Are you involved in any of the practices forbidden in this scripture? Will you renounce them and feed your spiritual hunger with the Spirit of Christ?
- 9. Read 2Peter 1:3. Where do you find you spiritual hunger satisfied?
- 10. Has the open spirituality of cultural icons ever duped you into believing a lie? (i.e. Movies like <u>Avatar</u>, Books like <u>The Secret</u>, Spirituality like Oprah's.)
- 11. Are you nourishing your spiritual hunger by holding on to the Head? What are you feeding on?
- 12. <u>Discuss this statement</u>: "The more joints in the body, the more opportunity for friction." Do you have any friction you need to clear up?
- 13. Are you growing spiritually with a growth that is from God?