

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 19, 2024

Passage: Colossians 3:1-11 LSB

Memory Passage: Colossians 3:1-3

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Col. 3:1-3.** Considering what Paul says in 2:20-23, why does Paul say “if” in 3:1? What does Paul want us to do with the statement that follows?
- (b) What does Paul tell us to do after we have contemplated our resurrected status? What does it look like to “keep seeking the things above?”
- (c) Why is the fact of being spiritually raised with Christ important in understanding how to obey the command in Col. 3:1?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 8:5-11.** According to v. 5, what two ways can you live? What is the mind of each of these ways set upon? What do each of these ways of living produce (v. 6)?
- (b) What are the three characteristics of the mind set on the flesh (v. 7-8)? Summarize life in the Spirit (vs. 9-11).
- (c) How does Romans 8:5-11 help us to understand how to obey Col. 3:2? What is the difference between setting your mind on the things above opposed to the things on the earth? Make a list of things on the earth that captivate your mind and thinking. Now write next to each one how you will replace this captivity with things from above. Be specific!

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Col. 3:1-4.** What does Paul mean when he writes that “your life has been hidden with Christ in God?” How should this bring you comfort in the days to come? What does it have to do with “seeking” and “setting your mind on” things above?
- (b) Paul says that Christ “is our life” (v. 4). How can this be? What does it mean? Why does it matter? (Read John 14:19; Gal. 2:20; Phil 1:21 to help you fully answer this question.)
- (c) **Read Col. 2:20 & 3:5.** Paul says we have died with Christ (2:20), so why do we need to “consider the members of your earthly body as dead?”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 6:5-14 & Col. 3:5-11.** Write down everything God has accomplished in Christ on your behalf that allows you to “put to death” sin in your life. Then write down everything you are commanded to do as you “put to death” sin in your life.

- (b) “Putting to death” sin is part of our sanctification (the process of being conformed into the image & likeness of Christ). Consider the list you made from Romans 6 of God’s work and your responsibility. What does this tell you about your role in your own sanctification? What about God’s role? How are they connected? Is either role more important?
- (c) What does Paul, using the imagery of “putting off” and “putting on,” call us to “put off?” What is the difference between the list of vices in v. 5 and the list in vs. 8-10 (i.e. do they affect different people/groups? Are they manifested differently?) With which of these vices do you struggle and how can you “lay them all aside?”

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 2:11-22 & Col. 3:9-11.** Because of our union with Christ, all believers are “growing into a holy sanctuary in the Lord.” Since we all are called to “put off” our former sinful practices and live in accordance with our “new man,” how can we help one another fight sin and live righteously?
- (b) **Reread Col. 3:1-11.** Consider how being heavenly minded can help you desire a Christ-honoring life. What specific practices or spiritual disciplines can you implement in your life to help you “put off the old man?”

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So Heavenly Minded, So Earthly Good