
GROUP DISCUSSION

Transcendent

Colossians 3:1-11 Pastor Lance Ainsworth

May 30th & June 2nd, 2024

Saved, Significant, and Secure

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is the worst job you have ever had?

Read Aloud: Colossians 3:1-11

1. v.1-2 “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” In Greek, seeking and setting are in the present active tense, meaning to keep seeking and setting our thoughts on Jesus. What does a focused thought life look like? Do you think most spiritual battles in our lives happen in our thoughts? What would a thought inventory look like to you?

2. v.5 “Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.” We put to death the things that caused death. Why must sin be killed and not managed? Have you tried to negotiate with sin? Do you agree with this quote? “Sin never seems irresistible until you want to break from it?”

3. v.6-7 “For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.” Do you identify more with being a sinner or a saint? Does it matter? How does identity determine habits?

4. v.10 “and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— 11a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.” The church in Colossae was diverse in ethnicity, social status, and tradition. How can a diverse church be unified? How can we prioritize our commitment to Jesus over our differences?