



## COMMITTED – COMMIT TO YOUR CALLING

### Community Group Study Guide: Colossians 3 – Week of March 12, 2023

#### 1. Commit to your General Calling

As Christians, we have been raised from the dead in Christ. This new life comes with a new identity, a new family, and a new mission. We now live lives that are centered on Christ and His kingdom. Christ becomes all and is in all. We no longer find ourselves in what we were, but in who we are in Him. Our new life brings us into a new family. Within this new group, not only do we have new resources, but we have new responsibilities. This new identity and new family also have a new way of life. In our passage, we see how Paul clearly prescribes how we as Christians, with our new life, are to conduct ourselves. We are to put off the old way of being, and to have our minds and actions transformed to reflect that of Jesus. Every single Christian is called to live in this new identity, new family, and new way of life.

#### 2. Commit to your Seasonal Calling

Out of the calling that each of us has generally, comes a seasonal calling. These callings are dependent of times and positions, in which the Lord will use us within particular roles. Wives, husbands, parents, children... all different roles actions and to participate in within the Kingdom. Like our general calling, we can turn to God's word to determine and equip us for these individual responsibilities. There are many roles, and often they shift throughout the season of life. Our charge is to make the most of these seasons, acting in obedience to the Lord.

#### 3. Commit to your Specific Calling

Each of us has a responsibility to serve the Lord in whatever it is that He has tasked us to do. To be clear, this commitment to a specific calling is an outgrowth of our previous ones. Specific callings are built on top of faithful fulfillment of our general and seasonal callings.

#### DISCUSSION GOALS

##### Head

As Christians, we are redeemed not to pursue our own lives and interest, but to serve God and His kingdom. Each of us has been given an assignment, and we are each called to fulfill our task to the fullest of our ability. We do it all for the glory of God.

##### Heart

Our desire should be to grow in each level of our calling, asking the Lord to renew and strengthen our passion for His Kingdom.

##### Hands

We are to commit ourselves to discipline, growth, and submission to the calling God places on our lives. We are to have a spirit of faith, that God can and will work in our lives.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership 101  
3/19 @ 1 pm

Determining a specific calling often requires wisdom to properly discern. We can review our personal convictions, assess our individual giftings, evaluate potential opportunities, gauge our character compatibility, and seek the counsel of wise spiritual men and women around us. As always, our aim is to maximize all the gifts and talents that the Lord has given us for His glory and the work of His kingdom.

#### **4. Commit to leaving an Eternal Inheritance**

Whatever God has assigned us to do, we do so with the perspective that our work is done for treasure in heaven. We run our race, not to receive a prize here on earth, but in heaven.

## Read Colossians 3

1. What is the general calling that applies to all Christians? What ways does this differ from the priorities that we had in our old self? What challenges are faced as we act upon our calling in Christ?
2. What types of seasonal callings are place on us as Christians? What seasonal callings do you find yourself in? What ways has this seasonal calling grown your faith?
3. What process can we used to help determine specific callings? What rules or boundaries need to be applied when considering a specific calling?
4. How might we respond to a non-believer if they were to ask us about the meaning of life? How can we use this topic as a means to share the Gospel?
5. **Read Verse 11** As new creations in Christ, we no longer have our original identities. Paul in this passage references many identities that the people of Colossae would have once considered themselves. What identities are we called to leave behind in our present day? Why are those identities no longer relevant to us when we are in Christ?
6. What phase of calling do you find yourself in? What challenges do you face in this phase? How are you striving to overcome those hindrances?
7. Where might you be resisting a calling in your life? What might you need to commit yourself to, so that you can follow the calling God has place on you?