

LIFE GROUPS—Week of Nov. 16 (Study 10)

“Set Free!” (Colossians 2:11-15)

“Normally, circumcision does not refer to death, but rather to the common rite of circumcising males on the eighth day by cutting away a small portion of flesh. But here it provides a gruesome metaphor for the Crucifixion. Jesus’ circumcision on the Cross involved not the stripping away of a small piece of flesh, but the removal of His entire body in death. The Colossians, now “in Him” as believers, spiritually shared in this circumcision, this death. Their “sinful nature” was cut away; they died to their former way of life” (Kent Hughes, Colossians, p. 75).

1. Why is “in Him” important? (v. 11)
2. What does “circumcision made without hands” (v. 11), burial and baptism (v. 12), point to here?
3. Why is faith mentioned here (v. 12b)? Who made you alive (v. 12c)?
4. What happened when you were made spiritually alive?

v. 13a

v. 13b-14

v. 15