



COLOSSIANS

Colossians 3:5-17 // Rooted in Authenticity

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Getting Started

- *Larger LIFE Groups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- What is your definition of an authentic person?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 3:5-17
- The purpose of this passage is to build on Colossians 3:1-4: Union with the Risen Christ. Since we have union with Jesus who is the Image of God, we have died to earthly/sinful lifestyles and have a new set of heavenly priorities.
- Paul also makes a connection between baptism and the Christian life. In 2:12, Paul says about baptism: “Having been *buried* with him in baptism, in which you were also *raised with Him*.” Paul says about the Christian life “put to *death* therefore [these vices]” (3:5) and “put on the new self” (3:10). The Small Catechism says: “[Baptism] signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts, and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise; who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” Have you ever thought of the significance of your baptism for daily living?
- Since Jesus lives in you, what vices are you to disagree with (3:5-9)?

- Since Jesus lives in you, what virtues are you to pursue (3:10-17)?
- Paul says: “On account of these [vices] the wrath of God is coming” (3:6). What is the difference between someone who disagrees with God and values living in vice versus someone who agrees with God and practices repentance?
- The follower of Jesus that has Christ living in them will fight against sin, but they will agree with God, confess their sins, and live in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus.
- Do you have a propensity to condone vice in the name of grace?
- Where does the power come from to put on the virtues in Colossians 3:12-15? How do you seek to be intimate with Christ who lives in you?
- How do all of the virtues in Colossians 3:12-15 promote unity among believers? Why is it paramount to the church’s witness that believers love and forgive each other?
- What sort of lifestyle is Christ calling you to as a result of this passage?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and spiritual conversations you’re having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?