



COLOSSIANS

Colossians 3:1-4 // Rooted in Christ's New Life

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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 do you do for fun?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Read Colossians 3:1-4
- The main idea is that you have union with the risen Christ (3:1 and 2:12-13) and are to set your mind on His value system (3:2) while you live on this earth. You have died to your old way of living and thinking (3:3 and 2:12-13). A new person has emerged in baptism and through faith (2:12) and by union with the risen Jesus (2:13).
- Have people in your group lookup and read aloud Psalm 48:10; Acts 2:33; Acts 5:31; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 22:44. What kind of power does Christ have seated at the right hand of God the Father?
- How does it comfort you to know that Christ is interceding for you at God's right hand (Romans 8:34)?

- Since you have union with the risen Jesus who is seated at the right hand of God the Father, what kind of power do you have for Christian living during temptation and conversations with non-believers?
- Read 1 John 2:15-17. What things belong to the value system of the world?
- What priorities belong to the value system of heaven?
- What would it look like to manage money and possessions with the value system of heaven?
- When it comes to human achievement, what will make a lasting legacy? Steve Jobs said: "Being the richest man at the cemetery does not matter to me."
- When a believer dies, their soul goes to be with Christ. This intermediate state is considered paradise (Luke 23:43), home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8), and gain (Phil. 1:21). However, the ultimate hope for the believer is the 2nd coming of Christ (3:4) where we will receive the resurrection of the body (1 Corinthians 15). The goal of the Christian life is not to die, but to have bodily union with Jesus in glory.
- What heavenly priorities does God want you to have in your personal life moving forward?

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?