

Colossians 3:12-17 New Living Translation

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Do you have any wounds or scars that tell a story? Are you willing to share that story with the group?

Read Colossians 3:12-17. Of all of these virtues to put on—kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love, and peace—which is the most challenging for you?

Have you ever kept a grudge against someone else? How did that go?

Reflect on this statement John made, “Forgiveness is always free for the wrongdoer, but it always costs the one granting the forgiveness.” How have you found this to be true in your life?

Read Matthew 5:23-24. How does unforgiveness effect your relationship with God?

Read Matthew 5:44 and Romans 5:6-11. How does Jesus model His command to love our enemies?

Who do you need to forgive? How can your group pray for you?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?