

it's personal

INTRODUCTION

We have all encountered experiences that shake our faith. Times of uncertainty, questions about why, frustration with God's sovereignty or even questioning God's goodness at times. The truth is, we ALL encounter the result of sin in the world. Sometimes it's our own sin. Sometimes it's the sin of someone else. But the pain of sin is real regardless of who's sin we encounter.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

As Christians, we find ourselves on both sides of sin. We find ourselves walking through the pain of sin in our world, and we find ourselves walking with others through the pain of sin in our world. Let's consider both sides as we explore the questions below.

1. What is it like to walk through the pain of sin by yourself? Why do we hide from people, what is hurting us the most?

Read Colossians 3:12-14

Key words: Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgive

2. If you had a group of people who lived out what Paul describes to the church at Colossae, would that change the way you walk through your most difficult situations in life?

Read Colossians 3:5-10

3. What does it look like for us to be clothed in Christ, with those around us who are walking through loss, confusion, anger, rage, etc?
4. How can we help others "put on the new self"?

Hint: A "new self" comes from knowledge of the creator.

This is what we are called to do and to be. **Genuine** people, following Jesus.