



Community Group Guide
Changes: Week 2
“The New You”
Week of March 29

Check-in

1. How are you doing with the changes due to COVID-19?
 2. Is there anyone you know who could use assistance getting food or medicine?
 3. Is there anyone you know who may be lonely or need encouragement due to the quarantine?
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Scripture

Read *Colossians 3:1-11*

Key Point From Message

Christinaity is not stagnant, there is forward progress.

There are 3 approaches people take when it comes to Christianity

1. Nominal Christian: Christian in name only, but doesn't live out the call to Christianity
 2. Religious Approach: Motivation for this approach is for the applause of men, not the glory of God
 3. The Biblical Approach: Fixing our eyes on Jesus and repenting of sin
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Discover Questions

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. Who is the author of this passage? Who is the target audience?
3. Where should we set our mind if we have been raised with Christ?
4. Verse 3 states that we died and our life is hidden with Christ. What does this mean?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
 2. Verse 7 states that we once walked in these things while we were living in them. Are you still living in these sins or have you repented?
 3. What sin do you struggle with the most? What sin do you think you have under control, but you haven't truly repented of?
 4. When you sin are you driven towards God or away from Him?
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Action Step

Evaluate how you approach Christianity. Do you tend to have a nominal Christian approach, a Religious approach, or a Biblical approach? If you struggle with guilt in your Christian walk this

may be a sign that you are not walking in the Biblical approach. Confess the sins that you are struggling with to your group and repent.

Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries

Must Ministries

Must Ministries is a local organization founded in 1971 with the mission of being a servant leader for the communities in Marietta, Smyrna, Canton, and Cherokee County. Must Ministries helps to connect those who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. With the school closings, Must Ministries is collecting food to help feed at-risk students and their families. For more information go to mustministries.org.

Mosaic Church

Mosaic Church is a member of the SBC and the main food distribution point for local schools in the West Cobb area. They are currently collecting non-perishable food donations for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur from 9am-4pm. Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html> for more information or to sign up to help pack boxes/monitor the computer lab for kids who are out of school.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

Fair Oaks Elementary School is one of the schools we have partnered with. They are currently in need of non-perishable food items (spaghetti, ramen, mac & cheese; foods that only need water and a microwave), diapers, and baby formula/food. Donations can be dropped off at Fair Oaks between 10am-noon (407 Barber Rd, Marietta, Ga 30060).

Contact Brooke@imageatl.com with any questions.

Prayer

Father thank you for the sacrifice Christ made so that we can be raised with Him. Help us to truly fix our eyes on Jesus and turn away from the earthly things of this world. Reveal the sins that we still struggle with so that we can repent and overcome them through the power You give us. Renew our knowledge of Christ every day so we can become more like Him.

Memory Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight." -Proverbs 3:5-6 (CSB)

Announcements

- There will be no physical gathering on Sunday April 5. We will be broadcasting the service at 10:30am from our [website](#) and our [youtube channel](#)
- Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/> for the most recent updates

Additional Resources

Should Christians be anxious about the coronavirus?

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/christians-anxious-coronavirus/>

This is a great time for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus

<https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/dear-christian-when-the-pandemic-hits-this-is-our-time/>

How can I love my neighbor?

<https://www.imageatl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Love-Your-Neighbor-COVID-19.pdf>