

# Sermon Discussion Guide September 4, 2022

## What our world most needs for a Brighter Future

#### Gather



- ... with your family
- ... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call (eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, FaceBook Watch Party)

#### Grow



Processing today's message...

- Aha! What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** What do you need to think about some more?

#### Dig a little deeper...

- 1) What do you find most worrisome in our culture today? What steals your peace and joy?
- 2) What do you think is the biggest hinderance to non-Christians about becoming a Christian today?
- 3) Read Colossians 3:1-17. Paul here describes the old life (pre-Christian) the new life in Christ.
- 4) What is most striking about the old life (v. 5-11) How do you see these characteristics manifested in the culture? The Church?
- 5) What most stands out to you in the Characteristics of the New Life (v. 12-17) Why are these characteristics so important to display in this cultural moment?
- 6) Which area of the Old life do you need to die to? What area of the new life do you most need God's grace to work?

### Go – How can you BLESS your neighbor this week?



- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat
- Serve
- Share Your Story

## Thriving in a Time of Change What our world most needs for a Brighter Future

Colossians 3:1-17

The Bad News: We are in the time of extreme challenge to our faith and the Church in America today.

- 1) We are in a Time of Post Christendom.
- 2) New Pluralism.
- 3) Radical Individualism.
- 4) New Paganism.

The Good News: Christ and His Body have what the world needs most for a Brighter Future!

Three Beautiful Gifts that Christ and His Church offer the world that can actually bring a brighter future.

1. Real Transformation.

This Next Generation is not going to be reached by the quality of our worship, but the quality of our lives!

- 2. Authentic Worship.
- 3. Loving Unity.