



July 24, 2022

### MAIN SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-11 (NLT)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup>Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup>For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>And when Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. <sup>5</sup>So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup>Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup>You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. <sup>8</sup>But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. <sup>9</sup>Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. <sup>10</sup>Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. <sup>11</sup>In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

### WARM-UP

- What thoughts, ideas, concepts, questions, or other inspiration stood out to you from the message?
- As you look around College Church, what people groups or types of people do wish you could see more of here?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

### Thought #1 – You know who you are...Live into your identity!

Verses: Colossians 3:1-11

- As a group, make a list of "identity clarifiers" for Christians. In other words, who are we, as Christians ...and who are we to be?
- What motivates or drives you in this current season of life? What do you mind motivates you to do what you do and live how you live? What motivations would you consider Jesus-minded? What motivations would you consider to be idol-minded?

### Thought #2 – A little reminder of the big goal!

Verses: Colossians 3:1-11

- Pastor Kevin said, "When life presses in, or even crushes, I want Jesus to come out." As you have been walking with Jesus, do you see this play out in your own life? Tell your story. Tell of a time in your life when life was pressing or crushing you, yet still, you saw Jesus come out in your response or reaction to the trouble? What led to this change?
- What would surprise your pre-Christian self the most about your present-Christian self?

### Thought #3 – Now he shoots straight with them!

Verses: Colossians 3:1-11

- Paul is shooting straight with the Colossians. Harsh but necessary words. Who are/were the straight-shooters in your own life who helped you in your walk with Christ by "giving it to you straight"? How did this help? Hurt?
- Pastor Kevin said, "There is a battle happening in the world around you!! You are going to be tempted in all kinds of ways to abandon your new life and pick up your old ways of thinking and living." Knowing that the battle is always happening, what advice would you give to those who are presently being tempted to abandon life with Jesus? What works for you? What do you try to remember? What do you try to say to

How can we pray for each other this week?

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\*\*\*Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.