



SUMMER

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Scriptures for further study

Isaiah 40:8 | Psalm 119:9 | Matthew 4:4 | Ephesians 4:15-16 | Isaiah 55:10-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians 3:15 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. (ESV)

1. This week, Dr. Horner followed-up his previous sermon, “Peace Rules the Day,” with a message on how we can retain the ruling peace of God. He states that “when the word of Christ comes to dwell in your heart, Christ Himself moves in, not only to reside but to preside.” What does the word of Christ mean in verse 15? What is meant by reside and preside?
2. God wants the word of Christ to be at home in us and us to be at home with His Word. How does the “word of Christ” reside in our hearts? Do you feel at home with the word of Christ? In what ways? What can make the word of Christ at home with us? What distractions separate us from the word of Christ?
3. What do you glean from the following Scripture verses?
 - John 1:14
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - 2 Corinthians 9:8
 - 2 Corinthians 8:9
4. Does the Word of God condemn you or comfort you? Does it speak words of loving welcome or words of strong rebuke? What does the Word of God mean to you personally?
5. The exhortation Paul gives in 3:15-16 are imperatives – commands, and we cannot experience the fullness of Christ in our lives if we neglect to do them. How have you made a significant place for the word of Christ in your life?
6. According to Colossians 3:17, what is one principle that ought to guide everything we do? As you live life, making decisions each day, how does this verse help guide you as you make those decisions?
7. What key aspect of the Christian life is emphasized in Colossians 3:15-17? If lived out daily, how would it change your perspective on life?