



Scriptures for further study

COLOSSIANS 3:1-3; 8-10 | GALATIANS 5:16-21 | PHILIPPIANS 2:5; 4:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Over the Easter weekend we talked about the power of the resurrection. How has the fact that Jesus rose from the grave impacted you this week?
2. In what circumstances might you take off one set of clothes and put on another?
3. In Ephesians 4:17-24, Paul speaks to believers about their new identity by contrasting their old and new status. First, he reminds them of what marked their lives (vv. 17-19); then, he reminds them of their new status in Christ (vv. 20-24). What are some of the markings of life before or without Christ? What are some of the markings of life as a new creation?
4. How have you experienced the difference between the “old self” and the “new self”? How do you “put away” the old self and its conduct and “put on” the new self that is in Christ? (vv. 22–24).
5. How did you “learn” Christ? (v. 20). When and where did you first “hear about him”? When were you first “taught in him”? (v. 21). At what point did the gospel help you to see the need to change your way of life?
6. What do you think it means “to be renewed in the spirit of your minds” (v. 23)? How do believers deepen their understanding of the gospel and renew their way of thinking? How are we transformed by the renewing of our minds? (Romans 12:1-2)
7. Discuss the process of personal change. Is change brought about by simply trying harder or does it happen by becoming a new creation? Is it a process of behavior modification or applying the gospel to our daily lives?