

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

INTRODUCTION:

The main goal of the small group discussion this week is to identify behaviors & lifestyle patterns that undermine our ability to experience the GREATER life that is in Christ.

In the message, Pastor Wes talked about vices that undermine our relationship with God & vices that undermine our relationships with people. The following questions will help you identify those vices and explore ways of “putting off the old” so that you can then “put on the new.”

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: (OPTIONAL)

If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be? (physical, spiritual, emotional, etc)

If you could change anything about anybody else what would it be and who would you change?

PLAY WEEK ONE VIDEO (10 MINUTES)

This video can be played all at once or it can be paused after each section. After watching the video, you can use the discussion questions to encourage conversation. You don't have to ask every question. You can also ask your own.

DISCUSS:

1. How have you seen your relationship with God positively or negatively impact your relationships with others?
2. Look at the first group of vices in Colossians 3:5.
 - a. Which one stands out most to you?
 - b. Which do you struggle with most often?
 - c. How have you dealt with each of (or any of) these temptations in the past? (successfully or not)
3. Look at the second group of vices in Colossians 3:8-9a.
 - a. Which one stands out most to you?
 - b. Which do you struggle with most often?
 - c. How have you dealt with each of (or any of) these temptations in the past?
4. Colossians 3:10-11 speaks to the transformation brought about by the Gospel in our relationship with God, with ourselves and with other people.
 - a. Why is understanding this change in "status" so important if we want to change our "behaviors?"
 - b. How does this understanding help us deal with the sins listed in Colossians 3:5?
 - c. How does this understanding help us refrain from the relational sins listed in Colossians 3:8-9a?
5. In light of everything we've discussed so far, what are some practical changes you can make so that you "put off the old" in preparation for "putting on the new?"