## LIFE TOGETHER DISCUSSION



## **READ COLOSSIANS 3:11**

- IF SOMEONE ASKS, "WHO ARE YOU?" HOW DO YOU RESPOND?
- OUR IDENTITY IS OFTEN WRAPPED UP, IN THE BONDS WITH OTHER PEOPLE WE HAVE MADE BY A CHOICE, TO STAY WITH. FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES WITH, SPOUSES WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PAINS OF LIFE TOGETHER, EVEN THOSE SPILLING BLOOD TOGETHER ON THE ACTUAL OR METAPHORICAL BATTLEFIELD. THEY CHOSE TO STAY WITH EACH OTHER. IS THE RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE CHOSEN WITH JESUS. STRONGER THAN ANY OF THESE BONDS?
- OUR IDENTITY MUST NOT BE WRAPPED UP IN OUR OLD CULTURE, PLACES WE USED TO VISIT, HOW WE WERE RAISED, EVEN OUR STRONG FAMILY
  TRADITIONS, UNLESS FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST. HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE INTO THE NEW CULTURE IN JESUS, WHEN THESE OLD CULTURES CONFRONT YOU?
- SO EASILY OUR PAST CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ALSO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AND THUS, WE CAN BUILD AN IDENTITY AROUND OUR PAST. WHAT PAST CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE YOU HAD TO DITCH WITHIN YOUR LIFE OR SELF, IN ORDER TO FOLLOW JESUS? WHAT PAST CIRCUMSTANCES HOLD YOU BACK TODAY, FROM WALKING INTO BETTER FUTURE WITH JESUS?
- OUR IDENTITY, NO MATTER OUR ETHNICITY, BODY TYPE AND COLOR, FINANCIAL STATUS, WHERE WE LIVE, WHO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND RELATIVES ARE, SOCIETAL STATUS, HOBBIES, AND EVERYTHING ELSE, MUST BE FOUND IN CHRIST IF WE ARE TRULY CHRISTIANS. HOW HAS THIS CONCEPT OF IDENTITY, OF BEING COMPLETELY WRAPPED UP IN CHRIST, SHAPED YOUR LIFE?