

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

Have you ever tried to keep two competing loyalties happy at the same time?

How did that turn out?

Which costs more today: clear allegiance or staying vague?

Why are some comfortable calling Jesus a "good teacher," but uncomfortable calling Him Lord? Is such neutrality with Jesus possible?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

The reason for the command to "put to death what is earthly in you", is in verses 1-4. Why should we kill these things?

How do the sins listed in verse 5 relate to each other?

What does the apparent progression of sin teach us about putting sexual sin to death?

What does it look like to put away the things listed in verses 8 and 9?

According to verse 9 and 10, those who have died and risen to new life in Christ (v1-4), have already done what? Why should that give us hope?

What is the connection between putting off these practices and renewing our minds?

TAKEAWAYS

CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL

Colossians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Do you believe Christ is enough to change you? Do you function like you need something more?

Do you treat Scripture as essential for life or optional inspiration?

How regularly are you placing yourself under the Word in a way that reshapes your thinking and desires?

What "old self" practices are you keeping on life support instead of letting die?

BE KILLING SIN OR IT WILL BE KILLING YOU

Romans 8:13

Paul specifically calls us to destroy and discard selfish desires that lead to sexual impurity and inappropriate speech that develops into rager. Discuss how well you are destroying and discarding these things and pray for one another.

Am I destroying...
desires for things that are not mine
desires for things that are wrong
passionate desires for the above
impure thoughts and actions
sexual immorality

Am I discarding...
falsehood
obscene talk
slander
malice
wrath
rage