

# 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

What's something that tends to "rule" your mood or attitude during the week? Stress, work, family responsibilities, school, social media, anxiety, excitement? How can you tell what's actually in control of you?

## DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

- Read Acts 2:42. Is this type of devotion expected of us today? What are the benefits of this type of radical way of being and living?
- What does Paul mean by the "peace of Christ" in verse 15 as it pertains to our relationship with God and then with other believers? *Romans 5:1; 12:18*
- According to verse 16, what 4 specific things happen when the message of Christ dwells in us richly?
- According to Paul, what things do we NOT have to do in the name of the Lord Jesus (verse 17)?

## TAKEAWAYS

### THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ALL-ENCOMPASSING

*Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 2:42; Colossians 3:17; 1 John 3:18*

- Jesus says we are the light of the world. What does it mean to "hide your light," and why are Christians tempted to do that?
  - How can you let people see your good works without doing it for attention or approval?
  - In what ways are you tempted to make "whatever you do" a little less comprehensive than Paul intends?
- What's the difference between loving with words and loving "in actions and in truth"? Why does Scripture connect love to truth?
- In what ways is your life currently marked by regular or routine engagement with the truth of God's Word?

### OUR LIFE TOGETHER IS CHARACTERIZED BY THANKFULNESS

*Colossians 2:7; 3:15-16*

- Paul mentions thankfulness repeatedly in these verses. What does that tell us about the relationship between spiritual maturity and gratitude?
- What is the first thing you usually do when you wake up? Check your phone, scroll, get coffee, talk to someone, pray, or open God's Word? Why do you think that first habit matters so much?

*"The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord." – George Mueller*

Discuss the quote. Why does seeking the Lord first and finding joy in Him shape the rest of your day? What tends to happen to your attitude, peace, and gratitude when you don't start there?