



the incomparable
Jesus
COLOSSIANS SERIES

Week 6, Colossians 3:1-11

Discussion Questions

LEADERS – please remember you don't need to use every question! Determine in advance or as you go which questions will be good for your group.

1. If you are a believer, something significant has happened. You have died. What exactly does this mean?

Read Colossians 3:1-4

Raised with Christ we are to raise our hearts

2. *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.* What sorts of things are 'things above', and what sorts of things are 'earthly things'?
3. Is it *possible* to set our hearts, our minds, entirely on 'things above'?
4. Our life now with Jesus is '*hidden with Christ in God*'. One day when Christ appears we will be seen with him in all his glory (vv3-4). Why does Paul tell us this at this point? Hint: what will *appropriately* fill our hearts and minds then, and what will be entirely *inappropriate*?

Read Colossians 3:5-10

Buried with Christ we are to bury our old ways

5. Why do you think Paul uses such forceful language here: '*put to death*', '*rid yourselves*'.
6. Are there any surprises in the two lists of things he calls us to purge from our lives?
7. How would you approach a Christian brother or sister who seems to have an ongoing issue with (for example) anger or slander or filthy language?
8. Why do you think Paul singles out *lying*, outside the other two lists (v9)?

Read Colossians 3:11

Christ is all in all

9. What is Paul referring to when he says "here" there is no Greek or Jew etc. Where is "here"?
 10. What leads to such a unity across barriers which had historically divided people?
 11. *Christ is all, and is in all.* What does Paul mean by this phrase?
 12. What difference to today's barriers can Christ being 'all, and in all' make? What are the barriers today which typically divide people?
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13. What practical difference to your life (if any) will this passage and Scripture make? What will it mean for you to be more consciously 'set your hearts on things above' and more deliberately 'put to death' and 'rid yourselves' of certain things?