

Questions for the Week



Connect (pick 1 question to ask the group)

1. What is one thing we can celebrate with you this week?
2. What is one thing we can pray for together this week?

Study (Read Colossians 3:1-11)

1. What does Paul mean by “things above”? How can you set your mind on those things?
2. In verse 3 Paul tells us that we have been raised with Christ, and in Christ we died. What do you think the significance is of having died and now being “hidden in Christ”?
3. In verses 5,8, and 9 Paul gives us specific things that we need to put to death in our lives. What in these lists are you most tempted by? How can you put that thing to death in your life?
4. In verse 10 Paul tells us to put on the new self that is being renewed. Why is it important that we have a “new self” that “is being renewed” in the knowledge of God?
5. How does all of this knowledge help remove the dividing lines of our cultures like Paul describes in verse 11.

Reflect

1. Based on this passage, is there anything you personally need to confess, consider, or surrender to God?
2. Is there any relationship or situation in your life that this story applies to?

Leader Notes

Paul wrote the book of Colossians to a young church, or group of churches, in the city of Colossae and the surrounding areas. The book seems to be dealing the general questions that are common to Christians. One of those common temptations is to believe that because we are forgiven from our sinful lives and desires we should either *a)* do whatever we want because we are forgiven or *b)* deny all pleasure in life because the world and its desires are sinful. Paul rejects both sides of this temptation. Sin leads to death and we are united with Christ in his death, so we should endeavor to put our sin to death. Forgiveness is not license to sin. Also, we have a new life in Christ. God made a good world that we can enjoy. Christ is renewing us - even in this life - so that we can live in the joy and hope of Christ. A life in Christ is a better life.