



Church,

I am excited to begin this new sermon series on the supremacy of Christ as shared by God through the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians. The Colossian church is similar to ours in that it is a young church and Paul writes to them to remain faithful in Christ and to strive for spiritual growth in Christ.

There was a philosophy (2:8) that was beginning to threaten the church in Colossae and the Apostle Paul emphasizes the supremacy of Christ in all things in order to stand firm against teachings that are contrary to the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. In our time, there are various ways and voices that are trying to persuade us to add more to Christ or to not gaze fully on Christ.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul urges and encourages them, as I do to you, to stand firm in your faith that is in Christ Jesus. Do not stop growing and maturing and continue combating lies about Jesus by standing firm, remaining faithful, and seeking the things that are above. I'm looking forward to our time and I hope you are too!

In Christ,

Pastor Marco.

INTRODUCTION

What Is A Missional Community?

Missional Communities are small gatherings of people that meet weekly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears.

Missional Communities (MCs) serve as the main vehicle of discipleship, care, and mission at Storehouse Community Church and we believe that the mission of MCs is to be a family of disciples on mission for the glory of God.

Each MC is unique and shaped by the people who attend and the city they meet in. And at the heart of each MC is a desire to gather as family and friends, grow in our relationship with Jesus, and go into our cities on mission.

Why Should I Join A Missional Community?

The Bible teaches us that God is relational, personal, and invested which, in turn, means that we are created for friendship and community. MCs are more than a weekly event, but a time to grow and cultivate a relationship with God and others.

Where Do Missional Communities Meet?

MCs are strategically planted throughout McAllen and its surrounding cities in an effort to engage our city and community. Whether meeting at a home, local coffee shop, or college campus, we desire to see every aspect of our cities blessed by God's people.

How Do I Get Connected?

There are two ways that you can get connected. You can visit our Connect desk on Sunday and our volunteers will help you through the process or you can visit storehousemcallen.com/communities to learn more and sign up!

COLOSSIANS | DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1. [Praying Like Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation by D.A. Carson](#) - "God doesn't demand hectic church programs and frenetic schedules; he only wants his people to know him more intimately. The apostle Paul found that spiritual closeness in his own fellowship with the Father. *Praying with Paul* calls believers to reject superficiality and revolutionize their lives by embracing a God-guided approach to prayer. By following Paul's life-shaping principles, we can hear God speak to us today."
2. [How Does Sanctification Work? By David Powlison](#) - "Scripture portrays the dynamics of sanctification in a rich variety of ways. No single factor, truth, or protocol can capture why and how a person is changed into the image of Christ. Weaving together personal stories, biblical exposition, and theological reflection, David Powlison shows the personal and particular ways that God meets you where you are to produce change."
3. [Enjoying God: Experience the Power and Love of God in Everyday Life by Tim Chester](#) - "We believe in God, we serve God, we love God but do we ENJOY God as much as we can? Does our head knowledge translate into affection of the heart? Do we have a meaningful relationship with someone we can't see? Do we feel excited about God every day, in every context? Tim Chester shows us how to relate to each of the three Persons of the Trinity, and what this look like in practice."



Dear Parents,

I hope this finds everyone in good health, safe, and warm again in your homes! This next series has an important message for us that begs the question that's extremely challenging on some days more than others: Is Christ supreme? In the middle of every circumstance, of every cultural opinion, of the gospel we're preaching each day?

Paul addressed several heresies being presented to the church at Colossae. At the core of these false teachings was a misunderstanding of the nature of Jesus Christ and His work. Paul uses his time well while he is in prison to give the fullest presentation of Jesus Christ and His work on earth: He is the image of the invisible God; He is the Lord and Creator of all things, both visible and invisible; He is the Head of the church; and He is supreme above all things. And believers who are in Him have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of sins, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers who stay close to Jesus and walk in the Spirit can triumph over the enemy. Because of Jesus Christ, believers can—and should—seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

As you study Colossians with your children, my prayer is that each of you will develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Jesus than ever before. You will find discussion questions are meant to encourage weekly engagement in scripture references and active reflection, as well as recommended resources. My ultimate prayer is that we may grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Himself, through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we lead and disciple each other in the context of our daily lives, especially with our children. May we humbly and confidently respond in our hearts and with our lives that Jesus is our gracious and merciful Redeemer.

In His grace,

Laura Christina Ruiz
Storehouse Kids

COLOSSIANS | FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

[The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith](#) - The Radical Book for Kids is a fun-filled explorer's guide to the Bible, church history, and life for boys and girls ages eight and up. The power-packed book takes children on a journey into the ancient church, which is actually fascinating, funny, and fun to read. They'll also learn about the "radical" men and women who have gone before them and trusted Jesus in the face of great odds. Please enjoy a complimentary PDF of [The Radical Book for Kids Family Study Guide](#), also by Champ Thornton.

[Kindness Counts!](#) - Through colorful illustrations, Scripture references, and interactive exercises, Kindness Counts! helps children learn basic math skills while teaching them the importance of kindness. They will learn that God loves them and wants them to spread his kindness and love to others, and they will see that even the smallest acts of kindness matter.

[What Every Child Should Know About Prayer](#) - *What Every Child Should Know About Prayer* by Nancy Guthrie and illustrated by Jenny Brake is a biblical theology of prayer for children. Nancy explains in child-friendly language what prayer is, how and why we should pray, and the things we can pray about. There is a Bible verse for each topic, and a prayer for children to make their own. This book will introduce children to the gift of prayer and will encourage them to enjoy speaking to their father God.

[Found and Loved Book Bundle, 2 Books](#) - Featuring 2 stories from bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones with illustrations from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Jago. *Found* is from Lloyd-Jones's best-selling *Jesus Storybook Bible* comes this retelling of the beloved text of Psalm 23! Encouraging youngsters to join in the greatest of all adventures, it helps them discover Jesus as the center of their life and reminds them of God's unconditional love. *Loved: The Lord's Prayer* by Sally Lloyd-Jones and illustrated by Jago, is a story that reminds children that God will always love them with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love. Based on the Lord's Prayer, this story features a heartwarming, lyrical text paired with gorgeous illustrations from Jago. Recommended for ages 4 to 8 years.

[Big Theology for Little Hearts Series](#) - The Big Theology for Little Hearts series is a board book series for children ages 1-5 that teaches key Christian truths in simple, easy-to-understand terms. Each book in the series introduces a big idea from the Bible with concise definitions and engaging illustrations to help young minds gain a foundational understanding of God's word. As each book's topic builds on the previous one, children can develop a cohesive framework of theology that includes God, creation, humanity, Jesus, and the gospel-allowing parents to start having crucial conversations with their children as early as possible. *Jesus* is the second book in the series, and lays a foundation for understanding who Jesus is! Ten simple words describing Jesus (such as "Son of God" and "Prophet") are defined so children learn about who He is, and what He did for humanity!

Colossians

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK ONE | COLOSSIANS 1:1-8

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

DISCUSSION

- ::: Paul writes to the Colossians to encourage them to remain faithful (v.2) and thanks God for them because of the work of the gospel in them. Why is thanksgiving vital to the Christian life? How do we superficialize thanksgiving?
- ::: Paul thanks God for the Colossians in their faith in Christ, love for one another, and their hope in heaven. How is faith in Christ, love, and hope connected directly to the gospel? How should faith in Christ, love for the saints, and hope in eternity shape the way we live?
- ::: Paul says that the Colossians heard the gospel, received the gospel, and understood the gospel. If the gospel is going to begin change in us, we must first understand the gospel. What is the gospel?

PRAYER

In your time together, offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the saints; for people. It is absolutely okay to be thankful for material things for they are good gifts. However, today, offer specific prayers of thanksgiving for the saints.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK ONE

MEMORY VERSE | *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE | Colossians 1:1-8

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important to believe Jesus is also God instead of only God’s Son?
2. How are you giving thanks for the faith we have in Jesus Christ? See Romans 5:5-12.
3. What does “saints” mean in verse 2 and 4, and how does 1 Thessalonians 5:8 show an example of how they live?
4. Where can we be faithful in telling and sharing the gospel of Jesus this week?

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK TWO | COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

DISCUSSION

::: Why is prayer important? Is it possible to pray out of routine rather than actual love for another person--especially a Christian?

::: What is redemption? Read verses 13-14. Is redemption a one-time thing? Can someone know God apart from redemption?

::: The will of God is parallel to the word of God. That is, we know God's will because He has revealed it to us through His word; applying it is something different. Why is God's will often hyper-spiritualized and His word minimized? How do we guard against that?

PRAYER

Consider God's redemption for you. Through His redemptive grace, He has folded you into the story and glory of His redemptive plan in Christ. How does redemption encourage prayer?

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK TWO

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. The phrase "to walk" in verse 10 comes from a Jewish term for "behaving oneself". Do your behaviors show more each day that you belong to Jesus?
2. Read Mark 4:1-9, and 13-20. Describe how this reminds us to bear fruit in the good works God has for us to do and increase in our knowledge of Him.
3. What "qualified" you and me to be part of God's eternal inheritance?
4. What kind of kingdom did God, through Jesus Christ, rescue us from? What did it cost God to rescue us from this kingdom?

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK THREE | COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

DISCUSSION

::: Why is it important that Jesus has supremacy over all things, even death? Are there idols in your life that seem to be equal or are more important than the supremacy of Jesus?

::: What is reconciliation? And why is it important that we are reconciled to God? Read verses 20-23.

PRAYER

Confess any idols that you may be holding on to. Encourage one another with the truth of Jesus. Remind each other that you have been reconciled to the Father if they belong to Jesus. If there are those who do not know Jesus, then how would you encourage them with the gospel?

STOREHOUSE Kids

WEEK THREE

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Though we cannot see God in person, what has been given to us to represent God on earth? See and discuss John 14:9.
2. What do John 1:1-3 and Hebrews 1:3 say about Jesus' role as Creator?
3. What separates us from God? See Ephesians 2:12. What was Jesus' role in bringing peace between God and sinners?
4. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "church"? What are we actually a part of if we believe and follow Jesus? See 1 Corinthians 12:27.

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK FOUR | COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

DISCUSSION

::: Suffering is part of the Christian experience. Why does having a relationship with Jesus include suffering like Jesus? How does understanding suffering shape how we view the world?

::: Have you ever had to suffer for or through something? Did you mature in some way?

::: Where is God maturing you right now? Be specific.

PRAYER

Pray to encourage one another. Everyone is always walking through a season and sometimes it can be difficult or discouraging and it's easy to lose sight in the fact that Jesus cares or loves us. Encourage one another to suffer well, increase in maturity, and stand firm on the truth of the gospel.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK FOUR

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. What does the word "affliction" mean? Where do you see affliction happen because of someone's faith in Jesus?
2. How can we pray we feel we are going through an affliction?
3. How does a mystery become clear? Is God trying to keep everything about Himself a secret or does He tell us what we need about Him through His Word?
4. How can I mature in Christ if I'm still a kid?

Colossians

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK FIVE | COLOSSIANS 2:1-5

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. 5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

DISCUSSION

::: How is the benefit and blessing of receiving the Gospel and becoming a Christian considered "riches of full assurance"?

::: Paul reminds the Colossians that they will need to recognize what the false teachers will offer and how they will try to persuade them. What are some ways in which the culture tries to persuade us that it is better than Jesus? Or how can religious moralism persuade us to add more to Christ? Why is the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ regularly threatened by the culture and Christians?

::: Is it hard to separate the truth of the gospel from the lies of the culture? Why? Is pressure accompanied by that difficulty?

PRAYER

Confess sin and encourage one another with truths about Jesus. Culture is loud, but Jesus is louder if our eyes are fixed on Him and his work for us. What are the things, teachings, or lies that are tempting you to look away from Christ? What is tempting you to believe Christ is not enough?

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK FIVE

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 2:1-5

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever argued with someone and you felt they did not understand you at all? How do you think the argument could have gone better so that both persons could leave the argument while pleasing God at the same time?
2. Read Proverbs 2:3-6. Where can we find knowledge and understanding?
3. With all that Paul is reminding us about who Jesus is, how confident are you to talk to someone when they say false things about Him?
4. Who in your family and in the church is able to help you stand firm in your faith in Jesus?

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK SIX | COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

DISCUSSION

- ::: What do you think Paul means when he says to walk in Jesus (v. 6)? What does that look like in everyday life?
- ::: How does thanksgiving (what we discussed in week one) help to guard against being taken “captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ”?
- ::: In verses 13-15, Paul walks through the work of Christ for us. This is not the first time Paul has spoken (or written) the gospel to the Colossians. Why is it necessary for us to preach the gospel clearly to ourselves? To one another? How does it affect our daily life?

PRAYER

Everyone is preaching something and someone is listening; hearts are being led and affected. What is it that you preach to yourself? In your group, preach the gospel to one another in light of what may be taking you captive.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK SIX

MEMORY VERSE | *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 2:5-15

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. When do you feel pressured to turn away from God? What or who easily distracts you from neglecting to read your bible, pray, or even talk about Jesus? (Be sure to repent and turn to God because He is ready to forgive us!)
2. What reminds us in verses 14-15 that Jesus was and is still the one who rules over everything that tries to come against Him?
3. How does Romans 6:6-11 explain what Jesus did to finish God’s work in defeating sin and death?

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK SEVEN | COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. 20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” 22 (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

DISCUSSION

- ::: False teaching exists in various forms today. What are some false teachings that we face in our time? How do we guard against them? How do we speak the truth into them?
- ::: What struggles do Christians face today to be like the world? As a reference, read 1 John 2:15-17. Are there blessings that come from belonging to the world?
- ::: We’re nourished by and grow because of Christ (2:19-20)—the head—but this also happens as we are knit together as the body. How do we grow because of Christ? How does the body of Christ help us grow? (Compare to Eph. 4:11-16.)

PRAYER

Pray that you would stand firm in the teaching of Jesus through his Word. Pray for courage to speak against false teaching—even if it’s just you and you look silly.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK SEVEN

MEMORY VERSE | *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. How have you seen rules be more important or valuable than that saving power we have in Jesus?
2. What does Jesus teach in Matthew 23:23-28 about following rules we think we want to follow instead of what really matters?
3. It is very real for us to feel that we cannot stop sinning or fail at obeying God. What encouragement do we see in Romans 8:1-5 on what to live by and rely on?
4. What are things that are distracting us from loving God and following Jesus’?

Colossians

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK EIGHT | COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

DISCUSSION

::: In chapter three, Paul's letter turns from doctrine to application. He tells his readers to "seek the things that are above." How do we accomplish this? And how does setting our heart in this position change our priorities?

::: How can sinful desires keep up from "putting on the new self"?

::: When you read verses 5-11, what must a disciple of Christ do to maintain kingdom focus? Why do you think Paul chose to use such strong language--saying "put [these things] to death?"

PRAYER

What needs to be put to death? What is keeping you from seeking the things that are above? Put it on the table with your group today; preach the gospel for encouragement and to be reminded of our identity; what's the plan for change? Tell your group.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK EIGHT

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. What does knowing Jesus have to do with "setting our minds on things above"?
2. Does God offer security to those who trust in Him? See Psalm 27:5-6 and Psalm 31:19-20.
3. There are different sins and sometimes we think some don't matter that much to God. Where do you need to remember that all sin must be put away in order to put on the "new self" in Christ? See Ephesians 4:17-24.
4. Anger, greed, idolatry. What do each of these mean? Which one of these do you need to ask God for help in so that you walk in Christ and not in sin?

Colossians

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DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK NINE | COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

DISCUSSION

::: What are 10 things that Paul says we must do in order to set our hearts right?

::: How different would your week look if you took this list seriously?

::: How is the word of Christ dwelling richly in us directly connected to “teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God”? What must we strive for in order to accomplish this for one another?

PRAYER

Confess sin to one another. Encourage one another.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK NINE

MEMORY VERSE | *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. What does "humility" mean? See James 4:10.
2. How do you show kindness without waiting for something in return?
3. When do you find it hard to forgive someone? What does Matthew 6:12, 14-15 remind us of our own personal relationship with God that has been restored?
4. How can you show love to others like God has shown and given His love for you? See 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 12:18.

Colossians

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE | WEEK TEN | COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

DISCUSSION

::: What does the word "submit" mean? What does the word "love" mean? Biblically, how do they complement one another?

::: What makes honoring parents challenging? Why do you think Paul addresses fathers?

::: What should honoring those in authority over you look like? What makes it challenging? How does honoring your authority connect to serving Christ?

PRAYER

Pray by encouraging one another to be an example--at home, school, and with friends. Confess sin that has dishonored those you are in community with (parents, teachers, family, etc.). Encourage one another by reminding each other that our purpose behind service and honor is to honor and serve Christ above all.

STOREHOUSE

Kids

WEEK TEN

MEMORY VERSE | *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. How do you see your mom and/or dad obey God? How does this help you obey your parent(s)?
2. How should each family member treat each other? Why does it matter that our heart and actions reflect Jesus’ heart and actions?
3. What promise does God give to children in Ephesians 6:1-3?
4. What kind of work have you done? (E.g., school work, chores, etc.) Was your work done in a way that honored and pleased God?

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2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

DISCUSSION

::: How can our speech help or hinder what others (Christians or non-Christians) think about the church or Christians?

::: What does the world think about Christ and the Church based on what you have shown them by your example?

::: Why do you think Paul emphasizes Christ's lordship so much in a section about roles and relationships (3:18-4:6)?

::: What are some ways we may unintentionally be unwise in how we relate towards those outside of the church? How can we practice walking in wisdom and with speech full of grace without ever compromising God's Word or our character?

PRAYER

What we believe shapes how we live and that includes how we speak to one another and others. For many, this is an area that we simply refuse to be sanctified in or grow in. Where are we dropping the ball in our speech? Confess this to one another. Encourage each other with the gospel and the transformation by God in you that has taken place. What is plan to grow and change in this area?

STOREHOUSE Kids

WEEK ELEVEN

MEMORY VERSE | *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” Colossians 3:15a*

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE | COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. How are you practicing prayer this week? What did Jesus warn his disciples of in Matthew 14:38?
2. What example does James 4:1-3 when we don’t pray with thankfulness?
3. Read Colossians 4:3-4. Paul mentions here that he is in jail. Considering that, what would you expect his prayer requests to be? What are they instead?
4. What is the purpose of salt? Why should the things I say be “seasoned” with it?

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7 Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, 9 and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. 10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. 15 Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. 17 And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” 18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

DISCUSSION

::: How would you explain Christ’s sufficiency and supremacy based on what you’ve learned from Colossians? How does His sufficiency and supremacy affect our sanctification?

::: Epaphras labored so the people at Colossae would be “mature” (Col. 4:12). Based on our reading of Colossians, how would you describe “maturity” in Christ?

::: This text (4:7-18) reminds us that the church is a group of imperfect people faithfully serving the Lord and His church. How does this text help us understand the body of Christ? How can we apply this passage of Scripture?

PRAYER

Evangelism and discipleship are two key ways to love others so that they come to know Jesus or are able to grow in Jesus. The Bible tells us that God wants us to have relationships where our faith is stretched as we proclaim Jesus (1:28). Ask God to bring unbelievers who you can share the supremacy of Jesus with into your life. Or, ask Him to bring believers into your life who you can disciple by pointing them to Jesus in the Word.

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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Why does Paul mention all of these various brothers? What could these brothers do for Paul while he was in prison?
2. What do we see in 1 Corinthians 12 for God’s design of His church?
3. Luke used his skills for a greater mission instead of his own gain. How can you use your special talents for God?
4. Our mission should be to spread the gospel of Jesus. When you fail God and fail your brother or sister in Christ, how will you respond? Examples of Mark (1 Peter 5:13; 2 Timothy 4:11) and Demas (2 Timothy 4:9-10).