



Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

September 24 – Colossians 3:5-11 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with silence and prayer (5 minutes).

Begin your time together in silence. In your silence, acknowledge that the Lord God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything and everyone, is worthy of all praise.

After you have finished sitting in silence, have someone in the group pray for your time together.

Spend a few moments reciting your memory verse from last week: **Colossians 3:1-4**.

Split into smaller groups to read Colossians 3:5-11 and discuss (15 minutes).

Take a few minutes and read **Colossians 3:5-11**. Once you've finished reading, answer the following questions:

- What does Paul tell the Colossians to put to death? According to verse 6, what is coming because of these?
- How does verse 7 relate to Colossians 2:20 and 3:1-4?
- What does Paul tell the Colossians they must also rid themselves of?
- How do you need to partner with the Holy Spirit to live out Colossians 3:5-11? Where do you need the Lord's help? Where do you need to participate?

Once you've finished with these questions, spend one minute reflecting on your conversation. Is there anything that's sticking with you from God's Word? Share this with the group.

Come back together as a large group to talk about the sermon (30 minutes).

- In his sermon, Dan shared that "When you come to this church, you can wear whatever shirt, shorts, and shoes you want, because what we really want is for... the Lord, when he looks at our hearts, to be pleased." So, how is your heart?
- Just as Aaron Rodgers was traded to a new team and now wears a different uniform, reads a different playbook, and plays for another team (pre-injury, of course), as Christians we have been bought by the blood of Jesus. How much of your life is fully living into the reality that you've been bought by Jesus? Explain.
- In his sermon, Dan also mentioned how our identity in Christ results in a sanctified sexuality and in sanctified speech. Which do you think is most needed in our culture today? Why?
- Dan also drew upon **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**. Read that passage and share which of the following points he made about "renouncing distorted sexuality" spoke to you most. Renouncing distorted sexuality must be learned, it sets believers apart from non-believers, it honors other people, it keeps us from divine judgment, and it is a command from God.
- Read the following passages about our speech: **James 1:26; Matthew 12:34; Proverbs 18:21**. Are there any ways in which you have not been keeping a "tight rein" on your tongue?
- To sum up his message, Dan said that, "If we truly want to be a part of the kingdom of God, it's not enough to accept the gospel message, confess the name of Jesus and technically know that our identity and new life is found in him, we have to dress for the occasion, when it comes to our sexuality and our speech, we have to take off the old nature, and put on the nature of Christ." How would you like to see this come true in your own life? What steps do you need to take to make this happen?

Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through the text of Colossians! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.

2. Sign up for Tether! Tether is an incredible tool in that it will give us practical next steps to live out what we learn on Sundays and in our groups throughout the week. You can view it and download it here:
<https://withtether.app.link/download>
3. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week: Colossians 3:5-11 You'll be asked next week to recite them in group!
4. Finish your group session with prayer.

Break everyone down into triads to end the night with prayer for one another. In the groups, have people share "What is on your heart that you need prayer for?" and then spend time praying for those things.