

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:

Focusing on Jesus in Daily Life

Sermon #12, Colossians 3:15-17

Main Point: Because I am united with Jesus, I am to live each day for Him.

Getting to Know You

1. What are some factors in your life that make it hard to stay focused on Jesus each day?

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 3:15

2. How would you define “the peace of Christ”? Consider John 14:27 & 16:33 in your answer.
3. Do you remember the background for the word “rule”? (Leader: it was originally used as an umpire who called the games; like a referee or line judge.)
4. The peace of Christ ruling in our hearts has two aspects: private and public. Give a practical example of how the peace of Christ ruling in our hearts affects us privately and publically (within the body of Christ).

Read Colossians 3:16

5. To what is “the word of Christ” referring? Why should it be central to the life of the Christian and the church? See Ephesians 2:19-20.
6. What are some practical ways you can have “the word of Christ richly dwell in you”? See Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 119:9-11 for some ideas. Describe a time when “the word of Christ” has clearly made a positive difference in your life.
7. What is the difference between “teaching” and “admonishing”? (Leader: Teaching has to do with instructing the intellect; admonishing has to do with persuading the will to do what is right when it wants to do what is wrong.) How should these two actions take place within your Family Group?
8. Why is singing an important element of the Christian community?

Getting Out There

Read Colossians 3:17

9. What does it mean to do everything “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ”? Thinking of your daily schedule, how can you practically obey this Scripture?
10. Thankfulness is a major theme in these verses. It is commanded in each one. Thinking about the message of the book of Colossians, why should we live as thankful people for God?

Prayer

Ask God to help you have “the word of Christ richly dwelling in you” and to live for His name each day.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 3:17 together.

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”