

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:

Refocusing my Life

Sermon #10, Colossians 3:5-11

Main Point: My identity in Jesus motivates my new way of living.

Getting to Know You

1. Tell the group about one of the following:
 - a. What's an old item you own that you wouldn't want to get rid of?
 - b. What's an old item you can't wait to replace with a new one?

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 3:5-11

2. What is the "therefore" referring to in verse 5? (Refer to 3:1-4)
3. In our day and age, how does a Christian go about winning the battle against the sins listed in verses 5 and 8? Be specific. (Possible answers: Bible reflection and application, prayer to the Lord for strength, reliance upon the Holy Spirit, encouragement from Christians, wise choices as to where I go and how I spend my time, etc.)
4. What reasons are listed as to why we are to put these sins to death? See verses 6 & 7.
5. What does 1 Peter 4:2-5 say about our old sinful lifestyles?
6. Refer to Colossians 3:9. What reasons are given as to why we are not to lie to one another?
7. Read Galatians 5:17-25. How does the Holy Spirit help us to live out the new life we have in Christ?
8. Refer to Colossians 3:10-11. How are you personally impacted by the fact that God is renewing you each day into Christ's image and that anyone can be renewed?

Getting Out There

9. What are some sin struggles you are having about which the group can pray for you?
10. Would you say that your life is characterized more by your new life in Christ or your old sinful ways? How does God want you to go about changing?

Prayer

Ask God for the power to live out the new life you have in Jesus and to put to death your sinful nature.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 3:1-4 together.

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."