

This week's memory verse: Colossians 3:1

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

### Read Colossians 3:1-17

1. Share with the group, something from this passage that stands out to you.

Ask people to share. It is always nice to let the group express what God is saying to them and that may lead much of your discussion.

2. What does it mean to set your heart and mind on things above?

I believe it is being so focused on Jesus, who He is and the hope and promise He brings that it overshadows the lures of the world. Satan wants us to belong to the world. He wants us to be depressed, or addicted, or distracted, or divided. God wants us to be His, filled with hope, free of sin and guilt, focused on praising His name and sharing His story, and filled with love for one another.

3. How do you do set your heart and mind on things above? What steps do you need to take?

In part by filling my mind and my heart with His word of truth and by remaining in a connection with Him. Allowing His Spirit to fill me up continuously. That involves Bible beditaion, prayer, worship, fellowship with believers, serving for His Kingdom purpose.

4. What things are we called to put to death? (Verses 5-9)

Anything that belongs to our earthly nature. Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed, idolatry, anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language. This is a very large and all encompassing list. It makes it clear what is not from God and what is from God.

5. What are we called to clothe ourselves with? (verses 12-14)

Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love.

6. Verse 15 says to "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts". What does that mean? How do you do that?

Peace indicates first, a sense of trust that God is in control. It demonstrates a great anticipation of what is to come. It shows that God is enough for you. Peace comes from God. You cannot do it, He does it in you. You just trust and believe in who He is and in His promises.

7. Verse 16 says to “let the word of God dwell in you richly”. What does that mean? How do you do that?

Peace and trust come as a result of knowing and believing God. That is faith and faith comes from hearing the message. (Romans 10:17)

8. Verse 17 says “whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” What does that mean to you as you go about your everyday life?

My life belongs to Jesus. My purpose is to live for Him. Everything I do should be for the purpose of reflecting Him to the world and should result in praise.