

Holy Living

STUDY & DISCUSSION

Open: How has your understanding of “sin” changed since you were a kid? What didn’t you understand as a kid? What do kids understand better than adults?

Read: Read Colossians 3:1-4.

Interpret: Right living begins with right thinking. Discuss the difference between “earthly things” and “heavenly things” in verse 2. What does it mean to “set your mind on” them? Give some real examples including things of areas where you are trying to discern the difference in your life.

Interpret: What are the reasons given for setting our minds on heavenly things?

Read: Read Colossians 3:5-11.

Interpret: We were told that we died to the things of the world, yet verse 5 tells us to put to death the deeds of the flesh. So did we die or are we still dying? (*See Romans 6:5-14 for more*).

Interpret: Examine the sins listed in verses 5-9. Are there any items here that surprise you? Any missing that surprise you?

Apply: Which of these items do you most have to work at putting to death?

Apply: Share some practical things you can do to help put these things to death. Don’t get preachy to each other, but share your experiences.

Read: Read Colossians 3:12-14.

Interpret: We read these verses on a previous week. Now that we know the context is a call to holy living, discuss why we need to treat one another with the virtues listed here.

Apply: Discuss a time when someone treated you with one of these virtues, especially in light of your failure or sin. How did it affect you?

Apply: What are some practical ways Christians can help each other live out these verses on holiness?

Read: Read Colossians 3:15-17.

Apply: Rather than discuss these verses, ask each person to share one or two of the following: 1). Something for which they are thankful. 2). A meaningful/helpful verse of scripture. 3). A meaningful/helpful song or hymn (singing is optional).