




Colossians Chapter 3 “Spiritual Auto-Renewal”

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Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions



 **CONNECTING:** *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

Would you consider yourself an introvert or an extrovert? Why?

 **EXPLORING IT:** *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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What does being renewed mean to you? What is our role in this renewing/sanctification process?

What do you find are the biggest challenges for you as you seek to renew and grow in holiness?

What does it mean to have been raised with Christ?

What does it mean to “set your mind on things above, and not on earthly things?”

What are some values upheld in society today that you know are not right?

Who is putting “to death...” and “putting “on the new self”? What do you think this says about our responsibility in growing in holiness?

In what ways, have you died?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes greed as idolatry?

Why should we put on the following: Compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness?

What if you don't feel like it? What should you do? Why? What happens if I do not put on the clothing that Paul describes?

If our sanctification seems to have plateaued or stalled, what should we do?

How can we specifically pray for you?



PRAY IT: *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

Think Heavenly Thoughts

Heavenly thinking is learning to see all and do all with the perspective of eternity. It is something we can all learn to do and as Steve said it is also something we can help one another to do.

Think of someone you know that has learned to set their hearts on what is above

Think of the person you know that faces conflict with grace and trails with that great sense of peace

Think of the person you know who is content

You have a living example of someone that has learned to “look up”

The Bible tells us that we are in a war—a spiritual war whose victory has already been determined by what Jesus did for us on the cross. However, if we are unaware of this war, we will lose by default. One of the battles we face is in our minds. Though the mind is powerful, it can also be tricked. Wrong thinking can result in wrong actions. In order to win the battle that wages in our minds, our minds need to be renewed

Keep Pressing On!

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