

Every Day Discipleship Colossians 3:1-17 Week of Nov. 24, 2019 David Lee

Objective of this study: To understand more about the life Jesus has for us, and what following him looks like.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5–10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.

2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 19:7-8** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

How does what you choose to wear affect your day?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

- 1. What stood out from the sermon?
- 2. Read Colossians 3:1-17.
- 3. Paul contrasts two different ways of life in Colossians 3:1-17.
 - 1. Describe each of them.
 - 2. What is each based on? (That is, what is the mindset, the foundation?)
 - 3. What are the results of each, in relationships and character?
- 4. See verse 12. How would your day be different if you "clothed yourself" with these things in the morning?
- 5. Read verses 12-17 again.
 - 1. How have you experienced any of these things toward you from someone else? How did it affect your life?
 - 2. As you've applied any of these things in your life, how has it changed your life and relationships?
 - 3. Which of these are hard for you? How can knowing and remembering that you are dearly loved, help? (See verse 12, especially in the NIV: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved...")
- **6. Sermon quote:** "A disciple is a lifelong learner." What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to cooperate with Jesus on, a bit more this week?
- 7. Consider memorizing verses 12-17, or reading them over every day for a week (or more), to let them soak into your mind and heart.

Prayer:

Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. Thank Jesus for who he is and the life he has for us!

Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. Missionaries: Gene and Grace Fox. (Check out the church website for how to pray for them.)

E. Local church: Discovery Community Church, Brian and Heather Martin.

Radiant Life November Drive - Toques, mitts, deodorant