

Discussion Guide for Colossians Introduction

1. Briefly review the sermon outline. (Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus is one who gives us stability, direction, belonging, purpose, assurance and hope. We need nothing but Jesus.

(Jesus + nothing)

The world, the flesh, and the Devil want us to believe that we must have Jesus + (something else) to have stability, direction, belonging, purpose, assurance or hope. This deception causes all kinds of sins to grow in our lives. It produces jealousy, covetousness, selfishness, legalism and many other spiritual dangers.

Read Colossians 3:15-17

Focusing on 3:15, how should peace from Christ effect the way that we relate to one another in Christ's body?

What are some relationship destroying attitudes the surface when we reject the Jesus + nothing principle?

What does 3:16 tell us to do with God's word as it changes us?

What are some sinful attitudes that prohibit us carrying out our 3:16 assignment if we reject the Jesus + nothing principle?

How does the word of Christ change the way that we speak to one another?

Focusing on 3:17, how does the greatness of Christ motivate faithful service to Him?

What is the prescribed attitude that should accompany our service?