

Discussion Guide for Colossians 3:1-4

The New Man's Prize

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4 and then 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: The "old you" is dead and the "new you" is alive because your faith in Christ. Christ is our Heavenly King. We are citizens of Heaven living on earth to do God's will.

In Luke 19:10 Jesus says,

"the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

How do we continue this work now that Jesus is gone?

How can we actively seek the lost?

What is and is not our role in saving the lost?

How does this heavenly priority require us to be engaged in this world?

Read Matthew 18:12-14

What does this parable teach us about God's priorities?

What emotions does God have over retrieving straying sheep?

Read Matthew 18:15

What shepherding job does Jesus pass on to us?

What is required relationally to rescue a straying brother?

How have you seen confrontation and restoration done successfully in your own life?

How does God's joy in rescue help us have the right attitude about a repentant brother?