

Discussion Questions - 2/218/24
Christ the Center - Colossians 3:12-17

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

1. 1. In this chapter, Paul discusses “putting off” vices and “putting on” virtues. Where is he drawing this imagery from? How does this imagery relate to Christian baptism?
2. 2. What is the significance of Paul calling the Colossian church “holy, beloved, chosen ones”? How do these terms relate to the people of Israel? To the person of Jesus? How does this new identification encourage and challenge the church community?
3. 3. How does what Paul is encouraging us to be, compare and contrast with our culture today? In what ways do you feel the tension of being a Christian where you currently work or go to school? How does this passage equip you to press on in your faith and witness?
4. 4. Who is God calling you to forgive? How can the group support you in taking steps in this direction?
5. 5. According to Paul, what role do the Psalms play in teaching us about Christ? What are the challenges and benefits in using the Psalms regularly for worship? What role does music play in your Christian growth and development? Why is this important?
6. 6. What does it mean to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus? What are areas you do well with this? What are areas you want to improve on this week, with God’s help?