



Colossians: Jesus Over Everything

September 17 – Colossians 3:1-4 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with silence and prayer (5 minutes).

Begin your time together in silence. In your silence, acknowledge that the Lord God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything and everyone, is worthy of all praise.

After you have finished sitting in silence, have someone in the group pray for your time together.

Spend a few moments reciting your memory verse from last week: **Colossians 2:16-17.**

Split into smaller groups to read Colossians 3:1-4 and discuss (15 minutes).

Take a few minutes and read **Colossians 3:1-4**. Once you've finished reading, answer the following questions:

- What does it mean to live in the status of "being raised with Christ?" What does it look like when a believer lives in Christ's resurrection?
- According to Colossians 3:1, what are we to set our hearts on? Read Psalm 110:1-2. What does this tell you about Christ being seated at the right hand of God?
- What does Paul ask people to "set" on things above according to this passage?

- What does Paul *not* want the Colossians to have their mind set on? What does this mean in a practical sense?
- How does Paul describe the Christian's life with Christ in God? What does this mean for those who follow Jesus?

Once you've finished with these questions, spend one minute reflecting on your conversation. Is there anything that's sticking with you from God's Word?

Come back together as a large group to talk about the sermon (30 minutes).

- What stood out to or resonated with you from this message?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about three images to describe our life with Christ: a funeral, a wedding, and a reunion. Which of these three aspects is most meaningful to you? Why?
- What evidence of being "raised with Christ" and living in Christ's resurrection do you see in your own life?
- What things still need put to death?
- Do you believe your life is truly hidden with Christ in God? How does your belief affect where you set your mind and affections? How does that need to shift?
- Based on this passage, how does God view you?
- What is a practical way you're needing to set your heart or mind or both on "things above?"
- How can you do this, as Dan mentioned, morning, afternoon, evening, with your life, and with your finances?

Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through the text of Colossians! You can find that material online at thecreek.org/devotional.
2. Sign up for Tether! Tether is an incredible tool that will give us practical next steps to live out what we learn on Sundays and in our groups throughout the week. You can view it and download it here: <https://withtether.app.link/download>
3. Also, be sure to challenge your group to memorize the verses for this week: Colossians 3:1-4. You'll be asked next week to recite them in group!

4. Finish your group session with prayer.

Break everyone down into triads to end the night with prayer for one another. In the groups, have people share "What is on your heart that you need prayer for?" and then spend time praying for those things.

Also, be in prayer for the missionaries that were introduced on Sunday – Paul and Catherine – as they do ministry with unreached peoples through bible translation, church planting, and discipleship.