

STUDY GUIDE

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

MINDSET

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read Colossians 3:1-17. *Hint: Get context by reading the whole letter—it will take just 15 minutes.
2. What observations jump out in this section? What questions come up?
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the “Digging In” section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. What’s your favorite and least favorite Thanksgiving food?
2. What’s the biggest change to your mindset since becoming a follower of Christ?

DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. Who is Jesus?
 - a. Read Colossians 1:13-20, 2:9 and 3:3:1-4.
 - b. What do these passages claim about Jesus?
 - c. What are the things that stir you up? What do you have questions about?
 - d. Talk about who Jesus is to you in your own words.

2. Who am I really?

- a. Read Colossians 3:5-12.
- b. How many “lists” can you find in this section? What does each list describe?
- c. Are these lists an accurate reflection of your life today?
- d. What part of these lists describe you? Which parts don’t?
- e. What would it look like for you to participate with the Spirit to activate the traits that are missing in your life?

3. Do I really need to go to church?

- a. In Colossians 3:13-17 we see some of the activities of a growing disciple. How many of these things would be impossible to do by yourself?
- b. Is it possible to be a disciple of Jesus by yourself?
- c. What would you say to people who claim they can be a Christian without being part of a church?

BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED

Personal Reflection

What is my mindset? Take an inventory of the traits Paul wrote about and compare them to your life. Is the Spirit prompting you to put something “on”?

Group Application

How is your group doing at bearing with, forgiving, loving, admonishing and teaching one another? How can your group take a step toward richer community?

DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. This week, put Colossians 3:1-3 to memory. Next time you’re tempted to question your true identity, use this passage to remind you of who you really are in Christ!
2. If you spend time with friends and family over Thanksgiving, pay special attention to your mindset. Invite the Holy Spirit to strengthen your ability to have the mindset of Christ.