

Life Group Discussion Guide Dressing for the Occasion

Read Colossians 3:12-17

General Questions:

1. If someone who was not here last Sunday asked you, "What was the sermon about this week?" what would you tell them?
2. What is something the pastor said during his sermon that stood out to you and why?
3. Was there anything the pastor said during the sermon that you have questions about or would like to discuss?

Sermon Notes:

1. The character of Jesus should be ***The CHARACTER of a Christian.***
2. The conduct of Jesus should be ***The CONDUCT of a Christian.***
3. Christians should be motivated to live for Jesus, Jesus is ***The CAUSE of a Christian.***

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss and define the following character traits listed in verse 12. Also discuss and list the opposite of each trait:
 - Tender mercies
 - Kindness
 - Humility
 - Meekness
 - Long-suffering
2. Paul uses the phrase "put on" in verse 12. That phrase is translated from a Greek word meaning "to clothe oneself". How can you "clothe yourself" with the list of traits found in this verse? Which trait(s) do you struggle to put on? Why?
3. Read verse 14. Discuss why it is important that "above all else" a Christian is to put on love.

4. Verses 13, 15, and 16 reveal the conduct of a Christian. Discuss and define the following things we are to do. Also list and discuss the opposite of each action.
 - Bearing with one another
 - Forgiving one another
 - Be thankful
 - Teach each other
 - Admonish one another

5. Describe a circumstance that you think it would be appropriate to admonish a fellow Christian or share a time that you have.

6. Read verse 17. Bro Mike said that sometimes it is easy to do things "in the name of Jesus". It is easy when honoring our Lord falls in line with the culture we live in and what is socially acceptable. (not committing murder, not stealing etc.) It is hard to honor our Lord when doing so is countercultural or goes against societal norms. (Abstaining from sex outside of marriage, not drinking to get drunk etc.)
 - What "word or deed" do find it easy to "do in the name of the Lord Jesus"?
 - What "word or deed" do you struggle to "do in the name of the Lord Jesus"?
 - What "word or deed" do you need to stop doing because it doesn't honor Jesus?