

Growth Group Bible Study – July 5th

Start the Conversation

In Pastor Wade's introduction, he mentioned the difficulties that our country has been facing as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as racial tension. **What has been the most difficult aspect in your life as a result of recent events? What has been an unexpected blessing?**

Take a few minutes and pray for these difficulties that were mentioned. Don't forget to thank God for the unexpected blessings as well!

Turn to the Bible

The focus of this week's message was on the "Frailty of Life" from 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, but twice in the message Pastor Wade mentioned passages from the book of Colossians. Open your study Bible and see what you are able to learn from the introductory notes of that book. **Who wrote this book? Where was he when he wrote it? Who was it written to? What was the purpose for writing it?**

This week's message also focused on the need for prayer and thanksgiving. Read Colossians 1:3-14. **What were some of the things the author was thankful for? What did he pray for? In what ways can this be a model for us in our daily prayer lives?**

Now look at the next chapter. Read Colossians 2:6-7. **What do these verses say about the way we should live our lives? What is the result of receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord?**

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord? If so, are the results of that decision visible in your life? If not, why not?

Let's move ahead to the third chapter of Colossians. Read Colossians 3:1-9. **What does this passage teach concerning the things we think about and focus on? What sinful things does it say we should put to death (literally "crucify")?**

Finally, let's read Colossians 3:10-17. **In these verses, Paul gives us a list of ways to live the life that God wants us to live. Which of these good and godly characteristics and activities do you struggle with in your personal life? Make a list of the areas you struggle with the most.**

Make a Plan

Take a look at the list you just made from the good and godly things in Colossians 3:10-17. Now take a minute to look back at Colossians 3:5-9. **Make a list of the sinful areas you struggle with most.**

Take a few minutes to pray over your lists—the good things you need to do and the sinful things you need to stop doing. Ask God to help you know the most important place to start "being renewed day by day." **What one good thing will you start doing this week? What one sin will you stop?**