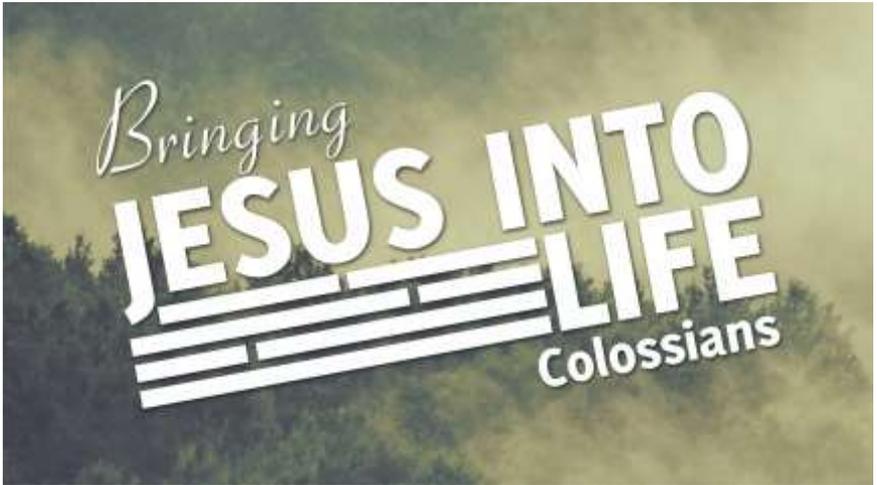


into
LIFE
Study guide



Colossians 3:15-4:18

For Individuals and Life Groups

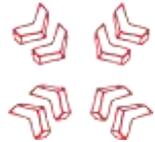
February 19, 2017



Introduction:

At the writing of this letter the church in Colossae is still very young and is being threatened by a twisted form of false teaching. Ideas were being introduced into the church, influencing the believers with the idea that Jesus wasn't enough. If the Christians wanted to truly be "spiritual" they needed to behave certain ways and celebrate certain festivals that had nothing to do with following Jesus. Paul wrote to these believers to encourage them in their faith and to stay true to Jesus without adding practices and ideas to distract from what Christ did for them.

Into the scriptures



Read: Colossians 3:15-4:18

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What are the qualities that Paul calls the Colossians to display towards each other?

How does 3:15-17 and 4:2-6 give context to Colossians 3:18-4:1?

What principles does Paul give for prayer?

Explore and describe what it means to be "wise toward outsiders. (See Matthew 5:16; Romans 13:7-8; Ephesians 5:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 1 Peter 2:12.)



Into my life

What challenges you the most about “doing everything” as if it was for the Lord? Why?

What robs you of having the peace of Christ rule in your heart? How do you invite God into your life to bring peace?

How would your job look different if you applied 3:23-4:1 in your work place?

How will I be different this week because of what I’ve just read?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the world



What doors will you pray God will open in your life so you can share the hope you have in Jesus? (Pray for each other in this)



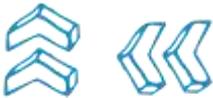
Prayer List



Challenge for the week:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life



By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world