



**“Centering on What's New” - May 10, 2026**

**Sermon by Pastor Tim Ghali**

## **Group Leader Notes**

What does it really mean to live a new life in Christ? In this message, “Centering on What’s New”, Pastor Tim Ghali walks through Colossians 3:1–17 and explores what it looks like to leave behind the old self and fully step into the new life Jesus offers. This teaching challenges us to move beyond behavior modification or what Dallas Willard calls “The gospel of sin management” and into true gospel spiritual transformation setting our minds on things above, putting to death old patterns, and living with love, peace, and gratitude in community. Whether you’re new to faith or have been following Jesus for years, this message will help you refocus your life on what truly matters.

**Main Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17**

## **Group Discussion**

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **In Colossians 3, Paul describes the Christian life as becoming a “new creation.”** What parts of your “old life” do you find most difficult to let go of, and what helps you keep Jesus at the center instead?
2. **Pastor Tim emphasized that following Jesus is not just about “sin management” but true transformation.** What’s the difference between trying harder to be good and allowing God to transform you from the inside out?
3. **Pastor Tim shared Paul’s challenge to “clothe yourselves” with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and love.** Which of these qualities comes most naturally to you, and which one feels most challenging right now?
4. **Pastor Tim talked about forgiveness and “bearing with one another.”** Is there someone you need to forgive, make space for, or show more grace toward? What makes that difficult?
5. **Pastor Tim told Carl’s story showing how a simple act of kindness and encouragement became life-giving.** Have you ever experienced someone speaking hope into your life at the right moment? How can you be that kind of person for someone else this week?

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