

# “Alive In the Spirit!”

New Hope Community Church  
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## Life Group Meeting

Colossians 3:16,17

### QUESTIONS

#### A. Nourishment For the Church (16a)

1. God's most perfect revelation about Himself is **Jesus** (Hb 1:1-3)
  - **'He who has seen Me has seen the Father'** (Jn 14:9)
2. The message received in Jesus is our path to **union** with God
  - **'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him'** (Jn 14:23)
  - Our ability to experience this union increases as we know and **abide** in Christ's word
3. So important is the word of Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit to continually teach and **remind** us of it
  - **'The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you'** (Jn 14:26)
4. As the people of God, we are thus commanded to let the word of our Lord take up **residence** among us in all abundance
  - He exposes our very thoughts and intentions (Hb 4:12)
  - He leads us to freedom from binding sin (Jn 8:31,32)
  - He exposes the temptations of the devil and enables us to resist (Mt 4:1-11)
  - He teaches, reproves, corrects, trains us in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16)
  - He equips us for every good work (2 Tim 3:17)
  - He gives hope (Ro 15:4)   ▪ He leads us to a life filled with joy (Jn 15:11)
  - He adds peace & length of years to our life (Pr 3:1,2)
  - He leads us to a life that is fruitful (Ps 1)
5. As people **inhabited** by the word of Christ, we experience His abundant life. (Jn 10:4,10)

#### B. Ministry Among the Church (16b)

1. Interaction with one another is to be **filled** with the word of Christ
  - Ministry to one another is greatly dependent upon how **richly** the word of Christ is dwelling in us
  - The commanded actions here are for **all** members of the church
2. Gatherings of the church should be marked by joyful expressions of our Lord's **wisdom**
  - The word of Christ is powerfully ministered through **music**
  - God has designed that truth put to music **moves** the heart
3. **Gratitude** should accompany the musical declaration of truth

#### C. Power In the Church (17)

1. In all that the church says and does, Jesus should be **honored**
  - Honored in our **relationships**   ▪ Honored in our **gatherings**
2. All that the church needs is accomplished in the name of **Jesus**

Personal Reflection   What could happen if . . .

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4 / 16,17
2. Say together from memory Col. 3:3,4
3. Consider these words of Jesus —  
**'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him'** (Jn 14:23)  
Can you share examples of how you might have **experienced** the truth of this promise in your life? (see also John 14:21)
4. What has helped keep the Bible from merely becoming an academic exercise as you spend time in it, but rather being more like Jesus, the Living Word Who is in you, speaking to you in a personal way?
5. Review together the list of nine bullet points under **A4** in the notes. These are things that come from letting the word of Christ take up residence in our lives. Share together examples of these things that you have experienced from the word of Christ dwelling in you!
6. The verbal commands in verse 16 are in the plural form, meaning that **all** members of the church are to —  
**'let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns . . .'**  
If we are all to be ministers to one another, what is this to look like when we gather together? (try to be specific)
7. What are the keys to saying and doing all in the name of Jesus?
8. What could happen here if the power of the Holy Spirit filled our church thru all of His people ministering the word of Christ to one another? (maybe share what you wrote down on Sunday)
9. As we pray for each other, share how you would like the group to pray for your personal involvement with the word of Christ.