

**ROOTED: What to Expect
Colossians 3:9-12**

This week's sermon was about what to expect in a church, which is linked to God's expectations of how people in a local church treat each other.

Discuss with the group your past church experiences: How many churches have you been part of? What are you looking for when you visit or seek a new church? Before visiting churches, do you check out their website, listen to sermons, look at the pastoral team, etc.?

The first thing God wants to be true of a local church is that there is unity within the church between groups that are divided in society.

Have you ever been part of a church that was diverse in terms of race, socioeconomic status, education level, life stage, etc.? Have you ever been part of a church where everyone was of the same background?

Why do you think some churches struggle with diversity?

Do you think a church should care about whether it is diverse in terms of race, socioeconomic status, education level, life stage, etc.?

Are there any advantages to worshipping in a church where everyone is of the same background? Are there any advantages to worshipping in a church where there is diversity in terms of race, socioeconomic status, education level, life stage, etc.?

What, if anything, can you do to further the diversity (of race, socioeconomic status, education level, cultural backgrounds, and life stage) that God is forming at CEFC?

Read Colossians 3:9. From this verse the point was made that God expects people to speak truthfully to each other at a church.

What are some ways that people do not speak truthfully to each within a church?

Are there any ways for you to be more truthful to others in this community group?