



Small Group Questions

Colossians 3:1-17 Part 2

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** If you missed the sermon on Sunday, you can find it at cypresschurch.org. What was your take-away, or key insight from the sermon?
2. **Read it:** Read Colossians 3:1-17
3. **Observation – What do you see?**
As you read Colossians 3:1-17, see that each of the 7 elements of the gospel are present in these verses. List the 7 elements and where Paul alludes to them in verses 1-17.

Each of the lists of dos and don'ts in these verses are actually each 12 actions. Read the list of actions we're to put off, and note that there are 6 that are sexual in nature, and 6 that are speech in nature.

4. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
As believers, we're to live the new life that Christ has freed us to live, by his death on the cross and defeating of sin. But as Pastor Ben noted, we can't do this with any measure of success unless we learn to "renew our minds". What does it mean to renew our minds? (Romans 12:2)

Pastor Ben used the analogy of a sponge to illustrate how we either have a thin, dry, one dimensional view of the gospel, or a thick, full, multidimensional view of the gospel. How does our view of the gospel either impact our ability to live a new life with Christ, or be trapped living the old life?

5. **Application – How does this apply?**
A renewed mind, set on King Jesus, can set us free to leave behind the old life and it's practices and live the new life. The reason we struggle to live the new life, is our incorrect view of the gospel. Will you commit to learning more about the gospel and discipleship by memorizing the 6 definitions that Ben spoke about at the end of his sermon? If so, grab a copy in the lobby next Sunday.