

SERMON GUIDE

UNTIL CHRIST RETURNS...

Colossians 3:12-19

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SERMON NOTES

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Horizontal lines for additional notes or reflections.

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 9)

Galatians 2:20 (Godly Living)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: Have you ever been led through a really painful process by a coach or parent or mentor? What did they do that was most helpful?

About the passage: For this series, we are presuming that: *Headship means that an organic and mysterious union exists between a husband and wife, like the union that exists between Christ and his church. This creates a unique sense of spiritual accountability in husbands that should be worked out in sacrificial, transforming love.*

Read Colossians 3:12-19

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything “illuminated” or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Where do you see this definition of ‘head’ (see ‘about the passage’ above) expressed in the scripture reading today? Be specific and point to particular phrases and words.
- O** When experiencing difficulty in marriage, which words, phrases and ideas in the scripture reading are most helpful and liberating? Why? Which words and phrases are going to be most challenging? Why?
- O** Where will unbelief be the greatest challenge in this reading?
Unbelief = I read God’s word and my heart says, “That’s not true. This will never happen. This will never work. This can’t be trusted.”
- O** What do you think it means for husbands to have a “unique sense of spiritual accountability” for creating a culture in the home like the one described in this reading?

What unique gifts of his grace has God given to men to create a culture like this?

What unique challenges and sinful impulses will men need to work through in themselves to create a culture like this?

- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** When you experience pain in your marriage, what do you think it will mean for the husband to “lead through the pain”? How is Jesus an example in his relationship with the church? Be specific.
(1 Peter 2:18-25 may provide more support in your application to your marriage.)
- A** If you are a wife, how can/will the calling in Colossians 3:12-19 be applied to your marriage and your relationship with your husband this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the ‘live’ page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him