

Colossians 3:1-10

1. Dying to self is a response to Christ.

Colossians 2:13-14

2. Living with Christ is connecting our real life in him.

Colossians 3:10 (NCV); Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:18-20

3. An eternal perspective helps us regulate our earthly practices.

Colossians 2:12

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Big Idea:

Since Christ has freed us from the power of sin, we can respond by resisting temptation and pursuing a new way of living life with an eternal perspective instead of an earthly perspective.

Open Up:

What is one reality you are looking forward to in heaven?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ How does "death to self" benefit us?
- ▶ Pastor Matt said, "Jesus didn't come to give us new information, he came that we might experience transformation." What is the difference between information and transformation?
- ▶ What are some ways people can set their sights on the reality of heaven while still living out their real life here on earth?
- ▶ How does our relationship with God grow like a marriage relationship?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Colossians 3:10 (NCV) says, "You have begun to live the new life, in which you are being made new and are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God." What does this verse mean to you specifically in this season of your life?

Close together in prayer.