



## SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 3:19

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### To begin:

Have you ever known a married couple you greatly admired? What was it about their marriage that made it admirable to you? What was it about each spouse?

### Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group in your reading and discussion.

1. What was the biggest takeaway for you from the sermon this week?
2. Read aloud Colossians 3:19 slowly. As you can, reread it from a different bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you further ponder it?
3. How would 3:12-17 help the husband understand what that love should be like in actions and attitudes?
4. There are commands throughout the pages of Scripture to love selflessly and sacrificially for all believers:
  - Love God (Matt 22, Mark 12)
  - Love your neighbor (Matt 22, Mark 12)
  - Love your enemies (Matt 5, Luke 6)
  - Love the poor
  - Love the outcast
  - Love one another (over two dozen references)

What is your reaction when you read this list? If love is a foundational part of our faith, why is it important we are not harsh with each other?

5. In what ways was Jesus gently with people while he was here? Do you think of gentleness as a Godly trait or an example given to us by Jesus? Why do we often not take this activity of Jesus seriously?
6. What are any attitudes or actions toward your spouse or a significant other in your life that God might be calling or inviting you to change? Encourage your group to speak openly here and encourage each other.
7. Spend some time in prayer as it flows from your discussion and the Spirit's leading.