



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 3:9-17

November 29, 2020

Before you begin:

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.

Next, read aloud and slowly **Colossians 3:9-17**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

Take some time to check in with each other in your group. How are you doing now, really? Are you weighed down? Are you looking forward to anything?

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion of the Scripture.

1. How can you relate in personal experience to anything you learned or heard in the message this past Sunday (Nov 29)?
2. How much contrast is there between the “clothes” of the earthly nature (vv 5-11) and those of God’s chosen people (vv 12-17)? How hard would it seem to take off the first and put on the second? How is it possible (see 2:6-7,10)?
3. Paul recognizes that grievances occur even in the church. How are his instructions for handling grievances different from the way the culture handles them (vv 13-14)?
4. Paul also recognizes that Christians conflict with each other. How could conflicts be better managed with peace ruling (literally, “functioning like an umpire”) in our hearts (v 15)?
5. What does it mean to let the word of Christ “dwell” in us richly (v 16; see also Eph 5:18-20)?
6. What “new clothes” are you compelled to put on. What “new clothes” would you like your group to put on?
7. Let your prayer grow out of the need to put on specific “new clothes.” If there is someone you need to forgive or be forgiven, confess that and ask for power and determination to forgive or be forgiven. Pray for peace to rule in your hearts both as a group and as individuals.