



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Colossians: Rescued. Redeemed. Rooted.

Week 9 - Jesus at the Center

QUESTION 1

Read aloud our Scripture for the week. **Colossians 3:12-17** **Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.** ¹³ **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** ¹⁴ **And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.** ¹⁵ **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.** ¹⁶ **Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.** ¹⁷ **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.** Each member of the group, please share what you are drawn to in these verses.

QUESTION 2

Verse 12 begins with three descriptions: **Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved.** These are three amazing things—being chosen by God, being seen as holy in His sight, and knowing that He dearly loves you. Reflect on how these three descriptions personally affect you. Which one impacts you most deeply?

QUESTION 3

Paul teaches that Christian relationships should be filled with **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**; all qualities that we find in Jesus. Which of these qualities comes easiest to you?

Share with your group which of these is most difficult for you.

How do you think you cultivate these qualities of Christ into your life?

QUESTION 4

Reread verse 13: **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** I would paraphrase this verse to say: In Christ, we are called to enjoy and endure each other, being quick to forgive as Christ forgave us. How difficult is it for you to quickly forgive?

How difficult is it for you to accept forgiveness from God or other people?

Tell the story of a time when you had to forgive something difficult to forgive.

QUESTION 5

Reread verse 13:15 and the beginning of 16: **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly.** Process together what it means to **let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.**

Discuss how you allow the message of Christ to dwell among you and within you richly.

Paul says: **And be thankful.** Discuss the role of gratitude in Colossians and in your life.