

## **Discussion Guide**

### **Following Jesus: Teach Christ**

Colossians 3:16 – Singles Big Meeting – Covenant Life Church – November 9, 2010

**Goal:** Each member of your group would be encouraged to make room for the Word of Christ in their hearts and they would from that abundance teach and admonish others with the Word.

**Summary:** Take in the Word of Christ abundantly so we can be teaching the Word of Christ wisely.

**Pray for the Word to find room in your hearts as you go to study it together. Open your Bibles and turn to Colossians 3. Read verses 1-17 together.**

**Scan verses 1-4 again.**

- What are the foundational realities about our identity in these verses?
- What does it mean to be raised with Christ? Is this a future or current reality? Both?
- Is the reality that you are raised with Christ something you are aware of on daily basis?
- Remember that we ought to think about ourselves in light of God's perspective in Scripture. And God says that we have been raised with Christ to new life!
- Notice: the exhortations that follow are built on these realities.

**Read verses 5-11 individually.**

- Notice the "therefore" in verse 5 which points back to the reality of verse 4.
- Are there any ways that these words are admonishing you?

**Read verses 12-17 individually.**

- What is the foundational reality in verse 12 that the encouragements to unity are built on?
- How can remembering that we are one of "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved" help us pursue the qualities in verses 12-14?

**Someone read verse 16 out loud.**

**Take in the Word of Christ Abundantly**

- Definition: The "word of Christ" refers to all of the Scriptures, which all point to Jesus Christ.
- What does it mean to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly"?
- What are you doing currently to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly"?
- Are you satisfied with your current intake of God's Word?
- If not, what is one way you can take in the Word more? Encourage everyone to commit by the power of the Spirit to put this into practice immediately before conviction wears off.

**Teach and Admonish Each Other Wisely Through the Word of Christ**

- What is the distinction between teaching and admonishing?

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- Do you believe you are called to teach and admonish?
- What is the connection between verse 14 and the teaching and admonishing in verse 16?
- Are you taking this teaching and admonishing seriously in the way that you view care group?
- Are you viewing every sermon as an opportunity to learn how to teach and admonish others from the Word?

## **Taking the Next Step**

Write down the names of people whom God has set in your life that you should teach and admonish with the Word of Christ:

- New believer that is hungry for the Word?
- Believer that is struggling in their faith?
- Unbeliever?

Remember not to take a one-size-fits-all approach. For some people it might make sense to study a book of the Bible together. For some it might be encouraging them from the Word according to their current situation. For some it might be a group study of the Word together.

- Disciple-making happens as we teach the Word of Christ.
- To teach Christ we must know Christ.
- To know Christ we must take in the Word of Christ.

## **Teach Christ to One Another**

Take time to encourage one another briefly from the Word of Christ. Share with your group something from the Word and how it encourages us to think or act differently. Keep this brief so several people can share. Consider having people pray through the passage they want to share.