Discussion Guide

A Higher Perspective: Living above the Fray
November 1, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

Our passage last week helped us focus on the dangers of legalism, mysticism, and subjectivism. When we allow these three dangers to make their way into our lives, it can affect how we view God and our relationship with him. This week we are starting Colossians 3, where Paul tells us to set our minds on things above rather than on worldly things.

- What is the wackiest costume you have ever worn?

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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-9 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- How is seeking the things above related to what Christ has done for us? (vs. 1) How is it related to what Christ will do for us? (vs. 4)
- How would you describe the perspective Paul is asking his readers to have?
- Why did Paul use such strong language: have died … put to death … put them away … put off?
- How can the things Paul mentions destroy your character? Your relationships? Your integrity and trust?

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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- Are you directing your thoughts and actions upwards? In what ways can you be more intentional to 'look up'?
- What does it mean to you that you are secure in Christ?
- Looking ahead, what do you hope is in the new heavens and new earth?
- Reflect on your own life. How have you replaced negative behavior with something else? How did that change you?

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KEY VERSE:
Colossians 3:1-2
"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

NEXT STEPS:

- I am thankful that Jesus came and gave me life abundantly.
- I will focus my eyes on things above rather than _____.
- With the help of Christ and my church family, I will put to death the things that destroy.
- I will surrender my life to Jesus through baptism.