Discussion Guide

Christ's Rule & Residence
November 15, 2026

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

This last week we continued in Colossians 3, where Paul called us to put off our old selves and put on our new selves in Christ. Now, as we continue through the chapter, our verses this week are all about the peace, word, and name of Christ in our lives. One of the main themes we see in this passage is that an identifier of your faith in Jesus is his peace in your life.

- If you had to choose one song to be the soundtrack of your life, what song would it be?

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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 3:15-17 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What do you think Paul means when he says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts? (v.15)
- Why do you think Paul connects the peace of Christ with the unity of the Church? "One body" in v.15.
- What does Paul mean when he says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly? (v. 16)
- Paul commands Christians to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." What does it mean to do everything in Jesus' name? (v.17)

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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- How should the peace Christ has given (internal, external, and eternal) influence the way we respond to conflict and interact with one another?
- What does it look like for a community of believers to live as “one body”? What would the Treasure Valley look like if all believers in the Treasure Valley at every Christian church lived as “one body”?
- How might teaching, admonishing, and singing help shape the way we understand and live out the Christian faith?
- What is one area in your life that would change if you started doing everything in Jesus’ name? How should this change the way we approach our jobs, our families, spouses, friends, or even our hobbies?

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KEY VERSE:
Colossians 3:17
“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

NEXT STEPS:

- I will allow Christ’s peace to rule my life amidst adversity (internal peace)
- I will allow Christ’s peace to be lived out in my relationships (external peace)
- I will immerse myself in God’s word and allow it to dwell in me.
- I will strive to wear the name of Christ well as I demonstrate thankfulness.