



change your mind • change your life

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you as torn as Paul on the matter of living in this world and longing for the next (Philippians 1:21-24)? If not, what can be done to change that?
2. How can we live more effectively in this world while holding the perspective of the next?
3. There was a definitive moment in history where the old order was broken (Colossians 3:3-4). When was the old order broken in your life? Share the moment when you realized who Christ was and what He had done. What changed as a result?
4. How easy is it for you to make the authority of Christ's rule your guiding force in the dark places of your life? What makes this so difficult?
5. Being renewed suggests constant development. In what way has your nature been renewed over time so that you have witnessed an exchange rather than a re-working?
6. The heavenly mind focuses on becoming more like Christ. Looking at the list of virtues in Colossians 3:12-14, in which of these areas have you seen the most growth in your life? In which of these areas do you desire to become more like Christ?
7. How easy is it for you to keep your eyes fixed firmly on heaven (Colossians 3:1-2)? In what ways is this world still your home?
8. Our lives are hidden in Christ but must not be hidden from the world. Knowing that we are not called to escape the world, but to be obedient to God within it, how do we practice obedience without living like monks or nuns?
9. Think of a time when the work of Christ was hidden from you. What lessons did you learn from this period? About God? About yourself?