

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

13. What is one way you can remind yourself of who you were before Christ without feeling a sense of judgment or condemnation?

Why is it important to do so?

14. Is there anything specifically related to anger or greed you are struggling to “put off” from your former way of life?

How will the truth that Jesus loves you and gave Himself for you inspire you to set aside your own desires and allow Him to live through you?

### Prayer Requests

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*Defects in the Mind and Heart*  
Colossians 3:1-11

1. H\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, when God L\_\_\_\_\_ at us, He sees J\_\_\_\_\_.

Glory: To let your heart's c\_\_\_\_\_ point to G\_\_\_\_\_, and allow your  
life to o\_\_\_\_\_ in that direction.

2. Sin is a\_\_\_\_\_ and w\_\_\_\_\_ in our world, and it must be  
taken s\_\_\_\_\_

- Greed: The r\_\_\_\_\_ to a f\_\_\_\_\_ that God will not  
p\_\_\_\_\_
- Evil Desires: A l\_\_\_\_\_ for that which is f\_\_\_\_\_
- Malice: A w\_\_\_\_\_ desire to be e\_\_\_\_\_
- Anger: A v\_\_\_\_\_ passion
- Rage: An a\_\_\_\_\_ that seeks to d\_\_\_\_\_

3. In Christ we h\_\_\_\_\_. In Christ we are all e\_\_\_\_\_.

What should I do with what I've heard today?

## GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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### THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What would you say are the “typical” results of following Jesus Christ?

How does this compare with the results we ought to see?

2. What dramatic results would we see in “before-and-after” spiritual photos of some of the people at our church?

### DIGGING DEEPER

READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10

3. How do verses 1-3 help us understand what sin is?

How do they show us that sin is not just a bad choice, but a condition in which we live?

4. Why is it important that we understand humanity, apart from Christ, to be dead and not just bad?

5. How do verses 1-3 make it clear that it was impossible for God to accept us in our sin?

How does this magnify the importance of our being hidden in Christ (as in Colossians 3:3)?

6. What is your “but God” moment? The moment when everything changed spiritually for you?

How is your life different now than it was before Christ?

7. Considering verses 8-10, why is it important to know that God didn’t just save us from something, but to something?

READ EPHESIANS 4:26-31

8. How can you be angry without sinning?

What does that tell you about how anger works?

How is this connected to the grace you have been shown by God?

9. Why is it important to not let the sun go down on your anger?

10. How does sinful anger give the devil a foothold?

How do we keep from giving the devil a foothold through uncontrolled anger?

11. How does a proper view of God’s grace to us serve to diffuse the anger we harbor towards others?

12. Look at verse 28. How is greed a rejection of belief in God’s provision?

How does the rejection of greed show God’s people have truly been changed by His grace and are placing their trust in Him?