

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Colossians 3:2-3, Colossians 3:17, and Colossians 4:2-6 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) In Colossians 3:2, Paul tells his readers to "set our minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth." What do you think he means? What are the things that are above?
- 5) In Colossians 3:3, he gives the reason why we should think about the things above, because "we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God." This is an incredible teaching. If we are Christians, this verse speaks to spiritual truths about us. Christians have died; Christians have been raised from the dead; Christians have lives that are hidden in Christ. What are the implications of these truths?
- 6) In Colossians 3:17, Paul instructs to do everything in the name of the Jesus. What does is mean to do this at work? What does it mean to do this in our families? What does it mean to do this in our neighborhoods?
- 7) In Colossians 4:2, the first thing Paul tells the Colossians is to pray, and he tells them to pray in three specific ways: steadfastly, in a watchful way, and with thanksgiving. What do each of these descriptors mean? Do you pray in this way?
- 8) In Colossians 4:3-4, Paul instructs the Colossians to pray for missions. How does he instruct them to do this? Again, do you pray in this way? Why or why not?
- 9) Finally, in Colossians 4:5-6, Paul tells the Colossians to be careful in how they walk (i.e. live) among people who don't yet know Jesus. How does Paul describe how we ought to do this? Do you struggle to live in a wise way among unbelievers? Explain.

10) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.