



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 13: Colossians 3:18 - 4:1

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Colossians 3:18-4:1 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) In this passage, Paul talks about several situations that involve submitting to authority. All of us have to submit to authority in some area, and this can be extremely hard. What are the authorities that are currently in your life? Do you have trouble submitting to any of them?
- 5) Describe your household when you were growing up? How was the relationship between your parents? What about the relationship between you and your parents? How was it the same, and how did it differ from the pattern Paul lays out here?
- 6) Sometimes it's appropriate to refuse to follow ungodly authority. (Read Acts 4:18-21). As a group, discuss when submission is appropriate and when it is inappropriate. Have you ever had to refuse to submit to an authority in your life for a Godly reason?
- 7) Chris touched on this briefly in his message, but how is the slavery mentioned in this passage different from the slavery that was in America's past? How should we respond to injustice in our society, such as slavery? How are fighting for justice?
- 8) This passage teaches that when we work for someone else, we are really working for God. It also teaches, that we when we lead, we should lead fairly because we know we have a heavenly Father who is gracious and fair with us. How should these truths effect the way we do our work?

- 9) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.