



#### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What does Paul say about the relationship between those who belong to Christ and Christ? How is that relationship the basis of their ethical life?
2. Read Colossians 3:5-11. How does the death and resurrection of Christ become the paradigm for change among the believers at Colossae?
3. Read Colossians 3:12. According to this verse who are the Colossians in Christ and how is this to lead to changed behavior?
4. Read Colossians 3:13-17. What imperatives/commands, does Paul give the Colossians and how are they linked to the Gospel?

#### **B. Meditation & application**

5. What would it look like for you to set your heart and mind- on things above?
6. What from this list of “put to death,” vices (vs 5-11) speaks to you currently about your life? What would you need to do to ensure they you are dying to them?
7. What from this list of virtues do you need to come alive too? (vs 12-17.) How and in what contexts do you really need to implement them?
8. “Ethics in the Christian life are a simple expression of gratitude.” What do you think of this statement and how does it relate to this passage?
9. What do you think it means to do and say everything in the name of the Lord? What would that look like?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we pray that you will help us to live lives that reflect the fact that we in Christ are chosen, holy and dearly loved. Help us to put to death those things in us that dishonor you and come alive to those things that bring you glory. In Jesus Name- Amen