

ROOTED: ***Being and Making Disciples***

The Motivation for Discipleship
Colossians 3:1-4
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For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. - Colossians 3:3

I. IF THEN... (vss. 1-2)

- If we have truly been raised to new life in Christ, that new life will have a new ambition (2 Cor. 5:17; Titus 2:11-14).
- Our seeking should be for things above, not for the things that are, by contrast, from below (Matt. 6:16-18; Phil. 3:7-9; Heb. 13:13-14).
- Christ is exalted in honor and power in the heavenly realms. For true believers, he rules in power and honor in our lives as well (Psalm 110:1; Matt. 22:41-45; Luke 22:66-71; Acts 7:55).

II. A LIFE HIDDEN WITH CHRIST (vs. 3)

- To be a Christ-follower is to be raised from the dead. We were buried in baptism and raised to a new life (Rom. 6:1-11).

III. APPEARING IN GLORY (vs. 4)

- Our hope is in a future with Christ, consummated at his return (Luke 23:43; John 17:24; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 22:4-5).

IV. IMPLICATIONS FOR US TODAY

1. Discipleship is about dying daily (Luke 9:23-26)
2. Discipleship is about forming Christ in others (Gal. 4:19).
3. Discipleship is about setting clear priorities (vs. 2).
4. Discipleship takes time (2 Tim. 2:1-2).
5. Discipleship is about taking off and putting on (Col. 3:5-17).
6. Discipleship is about life, not a program.

KNOW: Our new identity as Christ-followers should cause us to seek him above all other things. We should put many things to death, and put on many things that bring life.

DO: Live and pursue life with a new identity.

Suggested Reading:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (LifePoint Library #234 WAL.
También disponible en español.)

Everyday Disciple-Making: Growing the Church Christ's Way by Michael Kramer (LifePoint Library #248.4 KRA)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Colossians 3:1-4

1. Can people really change their fundamental identity as the Scripture teaches? How does the world answer this question?
2. Paul says that change is not only possible, but necessary. If you consider yourself a Christian, how has your life demonstrated this radical change? How did your life yesterday exemplify it?
3. How do we seek things from above when we have to live day to day in this world below? What does that actually look like?
4. A Christian takes God's side against his/her sin, while a non-Christian takes his/her sin over God. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. Do you look for opportunities to disciple others? What does that look like? If you have children, do you disciple them?
6. What does it mean to die to yourself? How would you describe that to a non-believer?