

Community Group Questions Southern Hills

Gospel = Resurrected Life

Sermon 10: Colossians 3:1-11

Introduction:

In chapters 1 and 2 Paul focuses on the details surrounding who Jesus is and the work he accomplished. In chapters 3 and 4 Paul moves from explanation to application. If we want to feel the effects of the resurrection status we've been given then we need to "seek" things above and "set" our mind on things above. Focusing on things above gives us the desire, strength, and ability to put away sin.

Discussion:

1. Discuss Paul's transition from Christology to Christian practice – do you see the shift?
2. What does it look like to be in love with Jesus?

Explanation:

1. How are we to overcome the indulgence of the flesh? Vs 1-4
2. What does Paul mean when he says that our, "life is hidden with Christ in God?" v 3
3. What does it mean to "put to death what is earthly?" v 5
4. What is so appealing about "false pleasures?" v 5 & 8
5. A renewed life is likened to what? V 10
6. Why was it significant about Paul's statement, "Christ is all and in all?" v 11

Application:

1. Do you feel the effects of the resurrected status you've been given in Christ?
2. How should this call to "seek what is above" and "set our minds on what is above" influence how we spend our time (our money...)?
3. Do you ever feel insecure? Do you ever feel deeply unsatisfied in this life? How does the truth found in vs 3 and 4 bring real and practical encouragement into these difficult moments?
4. Are you excusing, tolerating, or attempting to manage your sin?
5. Do you feel that your life is characterized by a constant state of renewal?
6. Is there an area in our church that is, at the very least, functionally divided? What do you think it is? What can you do to help obliterate this divide?