

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church

What is a Disciple?

Disciples Saved For God's Glory

Colossians 3:1-14



Big Idea

Disciple's daily living should glorify God by expressing all that is theirs in Christ Jesus!

1. Disciples are to set their hearts and minds on what is life.
2. Disciples get rid of earthly nature by renewing their knowledge in Christ.
3. Disciples find perfect unity by clothing themselves in Christ-like virtues.

Introduction

Think of a time when you had your heart set on something (perhaps as a child). Why did you want it? How did this desire affect how you lived and interacted with others?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read **Colossians 3:1-14**.

In what way have we “*died*?” In what way have we been “*raised to life*” (vs 1-3)? What is the result of each? What does this tell us about our identity as a disciple of Jesus? Give an example of how you would “*set your heart*” on things above.

What does our identity as a disciple of Jesus have to do with how we live our lives (vs 5-10)?
What do we learn about sin from this section?

What does it mean to “*put to death*” things belonging to our earthly nature? Give an example of what this might look like in regards to one of the specific items mentioned in verses 5-9.

What two things are key to overcoming sin in verses 9-10? What does this look like in everyday life? What do we learn about our “*new self*” (vs 10-11)? How does this add to how we view our identity as disciples of Jesus?

What does verse 12 add to our understanding of our identity as disciples of Jesus? How does this identity reflect how we live our lives? Describe how verses 12-14 relate how we are to treat one another. What is the key virtue (vs 14) and how does it relate to the others? Give an example of a situation that this might describe.

Read verses 15-17. How does verse 15 add to our understanding of our identity in Christ? List at least four things we are to do in these verses as we relate to others as Disciples of Jesus. Give an example of each in everyday life.

What does it mean to do everything in the “*name of the Lord Jesus*”? What does this tell us about how our identity with Jesus affects our living as disciples of Jesus?

Next Steps

From what you learned from this text, write out a description of your identity as a devoted follower (disciple) of Jesus.

Identify one sin that you struggle with and list how you will “*put to death*” this sin in your life.

Forgive someone who has hurt you and find a tangible way to express the love of Jesus to them.

Prayer

Thank God for our identification with Christ as a devoted follower of Jesus! Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.