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STUDENT STUDY GUIDE - WEEK 2

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

Follow along with today's sermon! Use this as your outline for notes, and take time to reflect on the passage throughout the week.

The gospel teaches that real change starts from within, and to do that it is important to know who we are.

Colossians 3:1 - "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God".

1. Examples from Colossians:

1. We are "raised with _____"

2. Our life is "hidden with _____"

3. You will also "appear with Him in _____"

2. Find your identity in _____, not in worldly things.

3. Make your relationship with God _____.

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: Where do you seek your identity right now- grades, popularity, accomplishments? _____

Reflect: How does knowing you are "raised with Christ" affect how you view yourself? _____

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When you see things in your life you need to change, you have to take off the old. **Colossians 1:8** - **"But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips"**.

The difference between appropriate concern and worry:

1. Put to _____ sinful habits and actions.
2. The gospel changes how we _____ people. Because of Christ, every other label and every other distinction fades into insignificance.

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: What could extreme measures to remove sin look like in your life? _____

Reflect: Why do you think Paul uses such strong language like "put to death"? _____

Know who you are, take off the hold, and put on the new virtues that reflect Christ. **Colossians 1:17** - **"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"**.

1. Clothe yourselves with _____, kindness, humility, _____, and patience.
2. There are three things that Paul lays out:
 - a. Practice _____ with those in your life, just as Jesus forgave you.
 - b. Rather than letting _____ define the good life, let Jesus define it for you.
 - c. This life is _____, because Jesus is alive.

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: How would your family or friendships change if everyone put on these virtues? _____

Reflect: What's ruling in your heart today - peace or something else? _____

