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November 17, 2019 Colossians 3:12-4:1 "The Christ-Centered Life (Part 2)"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. This text calls us to put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Who in our GG demonstrates one of these qualities? Take a moment to encourage that person about this trait.
- 2. Does the character of Christ (shown in 3:12-14) describe you and me? Is this what people sense when they come to IDC? What would happen in the church if we put on these traits every day and every time we attended gatherings?
- 3. Verse 13 commands us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. If a believer was experiencing conflict within the church, what passage of Scripture would you recommend to help them seek peace?
- 4. Verse 16 calls all believers to "teach and admonish", two acts that we commonly associate with professional ministers and pastors. As "lay-people", what does it look like to do this among fellow believers?
- 5. Verses 18-19 describe the reciprocal responsibilities of wives and husbands. Wives are to willingly and lovingly "submit" and husbands are to gently and genuinely "love". What are the barriers to living out these commands in our marriages?
- 6. [If you have kids/teens in your group participating in discussion] Read 3:20. Children, has there been a time this week that you have been disobedient to your parents? What would have been a more Christlike response to what they were asking you to do?
- 7. Parents, what are some practical ways that you have found to encourage your children? What steps can we take from guarding ourselves from forgetting to encourage?
- 8. If we all truly worked heartily, "as for the Lord" (3:23), we would surely be better witnesses for Christ in our workplaces. What missional opportunities, or relationships that could be leveraged for the gospel, do you have at your place of work?