

# C L A R I T Y

*Small Group Discussion Notes*

*Sunday, May 7, 2017*

**Introduction:** Which of the pictures of Christian living from Pastor Sean's message last weekend resonated with you the most?

**Digging Deeper:**

Read Colossians 3:1-17

1. God wants each of his children to continually change to become more and more like Jesus. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Paul describes how we are to put on the "new self." What does this mean to you? Paul says the key is to "set your heart and mind on the things above." What does this mean? Why is this so important? How do we do this?
2. Read Colossians 3:5-11. Paul describes some characteristics of our "old self." Which of these has been the most stubborn for you to get rid of? Why does this seem so difficult?
3. Paul says the new self is renewed in knowledge in the image of the creator. What is our part in the renewal process?
4. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What are some characteristics of the "new self" we are to put on? Which of these seem more difficult to "wear" on a consistent basis? What is the one thing that binds everything else together? How does that tie everything together?
5. What sort of changes have you seen in your character? What part do you think you play in the changes? What part do you think God plays?
6. Has anyone ever commented about a change in you that would show an "old" to "new" spiritual transformation? Did that make you feel proud or humble, or did it bring out some other feelings?
7. What role does thankfulness have in spiritual transformation? (Vs. 15, 16, 17) What are you thankful for as it relates to this passage, especially in matters of putting off the old and putting on the new?

**Abide/Love/Bless:** What is the primary thing you need to be "putting off" so that you can be "putting on" the fullness of Christ?