

Session 10: SOLO

Colossians 3 v 12-17—New Clothes

Big idea:

Because of Christ and what he has done, we should clothe ourselves with things that fit the new life he has given us. Let his word teach and challenge us.

Guidance on questions:

4. Put them on! You don't just sit and look at them. You actually have to do something!
5. God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved. (See jargon buster.)
7. With compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Bear with one another, forgive one another.
8. Complete opposite. These things are all about being like God. These are all things that mean that we're caring for others. These are how God's chosen people are to live.
9. Love, which binds them altogether.
10. Members of one body.
11. Peace.
12. As we're clothed as God's chosen people, we're all part of one body. Jesus brings peace between us and other people, and between us and God.

All Christians are united in Christ. He can bring peace between different people, and make us one body. Although different, as we meet together we can be at peace. Remember that we were once enemies of Christ, but now we're members of one body. Wherever we come from, whatever our background... Jesus unites us together.

13. Study the Bible, Sing songs, encourage one another, share peace and unity together.

Colossians 3 v 16	What does verse 16 say Christians will do when they're together?	How will this help us to wear our new clothes?
Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom... through, psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.	1. Listening to teaching	All reminds us of God's truth, and what he's done for us.
	2. Speaking God's word to each other	Helps us to make sure we're focusing on Jesus, and helps us to encourage one another.
	3. Encouraging one another with songs	
	4. Giving thanks to God as we sing	

14. Every part of our life is affected as we come to know Jesus. It's inward and outward. It affects what we do, and what we say. Instead of living for ourselves, our old way of life, we're doing everything in the name of Jesus, and thanking God for how amazing he is.

QUESTIONS: you could ask as you meet to do Session 11 to check understanding of Session 10

1. Ask what their reaction was to the description of Christians in Colossians 3 v 12.
2. Talk about the new clothes Christians are given in 3 v 12-14 (look at page 78—and see the comparisons). If they're a Christian, can they see the way that God is dressing them in their new clothes? If they're not, what is their reaction to the two different sets of clothes?
3. You could chat through the prayer time questions (page 57), and challenge each other.