

MORE WORK BELOW

Colossians 3:5-11

MESSAGE RECAP

This week we were reminded of the imperative to address sin in our lives and the transformative power of Jesus. The message highlights the urgency of addressing our sinful behaviors, emphasizing that we can't take a half-hearted approach. The Apostle Paul calls us to "put to death" or "rid ourselves" from those sins that are getting in the way of our relationship with God and others. What we believe about Jesus must align with our words and actions. We do all of this in community. The church should be a safe place for us to openly discuss our struggles, and seek healing, and restoration.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. Read Matthew 9:11-13 and discuss how Jesus approached ministry. Why is that important in the church and outside the church?
3. Safe Spaces: The message emphasized the importance of the church being a safe place for people to share their struggles. What qualities make a church or a small group a safe space for individuals to open up and be authentic with struggles?
4. How have you observed sin impacting your own life or the lives of those around you? Share any personal experiences or insights related to the consequences of sin. (Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23)
5. Colossians 3:5-11 draws out two major lists of sins. Do any of the sins on that list resonate with a personal struggle of yours? If in a couple's group, this may be a good time to separate out the genders so there can be a more open discussion.
6. What practical steps or guardrails do you find most applicable to your life, and how do you plan to implement them?
7. Loving and Supporting Others (Colossians 3:11): Discuss your role in supporting others who are struggling with sin. How can you embody the principles of Jesus and come alongside those who need help without condoning their sinful behaviors?

PRAY