

LEADERS

Be on the lookout for a very important video announcement in the SG Newsletter on July 30!

LEARN

Read Colossians 3:15-17 together. What stands out to you in the text or from Sunday's sermon as helpful, encouraging, or challenging?

What does it mean to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart? How does it come about in our lives? (Ex: Jesus brings peace through his life, death resurrection and our receiving his work by faith. Peace "ruling" means it is an ongoing reality in the midst of trials, secure because of our status in Christ.)

How does the gospel produce gratitude in our hearts? What verses/truths in Colossians can we assemble together that highlight what we have to be grateful for?

(Ex: Seeing our need and Christ's provision is a source for ongoing gratitude to God. Col. 1:3-6, 21-23, 2:13-15, 3:3-4)

The command to teach one another is given to all Christians. What should be our motivation for teaching and the content of what Christians teach to one another?

(Ex: Motivation is brotherly love to see others grow in Christ. Content is the wisdom of God that comes through the Word of God. We can match any/every need to God's wisdom.)

PRACTICE

Living daily in the peace of Christ can be elusive. Talk together about how we can maintain peace on a daily basis and restore peace when it may be threatened by circumstances or lost by sin.

(Ex: Maintain peace by praying at all times with thankfulness, by being in Word, by submitting to God's will. Restore through repentance, forgiveness, letting love cover offenses, etc.)

Admonishing is another command given to all Christians. What does admonishing seek to accomplish and in what attitude do we need to practice our admonishment to others?

(Ex: Admonishing corrects wayward beliefs/behavior in love. The admonisher needs the wisdom and humility that comes with a walk with Christ that knows their own need and weakness.)

Fast forward 6 months and suppose we would all agree that teaching and admonishing is happening in our group. What would we have done or changed together to teach/admonish well?

CHANGE

Our ability to teach "in all wisdom" directly correlates with our study of God's wisdom in the Word. How's your study of the Word these days? Is there a subject or book of the Bible you need to commit to growing in over the next several months?

(Leaders: Subjects might be gaining a biblical understanding of how to change and grow in Christ, or about what the Word says about hope, peace, anxiety, anger, foolishness, etc. The goal is to get specific and encourage commitments to focus on something over a period of time. Consider offering a process of accountability when commitments are made.)