

Self-disclosure Questions/Icebreaker - What is your favorite ballgame? Why?

Scripture . Read Colossians 3:1-10

Suggested Prayer

Father, you are all-powerful. We are not. You struggle against no one. We struggle daily against sin. Through our time together today/tonight, please help us make progress against our enemy sin. We are relying on you.

Discussion Questions . Choose as few or as many as you like.

1. Colossians 3:1-2 commands us to seek the things above and set our hearts on the things that are above. What are the things that are above? Make a list.
2. Colossians 3:2 commands us NOT to set our minds on the things that are on the Earth. What are those things? Make a list.
3. What is the difference between the things that are above and the things that are on the earth?
4. Do you see a difference between the sins listed in 3:5 compared to the sins listed in 3:8-9? If so, what is the difference?
5. What is the command regarding the sins listed in 3:5? What is the command regarding the sins listed in 3:8-9?

6. What is the difference between the commands and why do you think the Apostle Paul chose to use those different commands for those respective sins?

7. If a friend told you about a struggle with sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, or lying (pick one or review each one), what would you tell that friend in order to motivate him/her in the battle against it?

8. Why is it helpful to think and speak about winning some victories over the various temptations of our lives rather than to suggest that we can win over them so completely that we will not fight again?

9. Do you believe it is true that the moments of our greatest victories only lead to the opposition beginning a new assault against us? Explain why or why not.

10. What was your take away from this week's sermon?

Suggested Closing Prayer

Use Ephesians 6:10-18 as a guide to pray together as a group. Read a verse. Pray. Read the next verse. Pray. Etc.