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## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. What's one thing people commonly assume will make them happy?
2. Why do you think people want the benefits of commitment without the responsibility that comes with it?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Share about a time you've seen someone or yourself live out a story they believed good or bad.
3. What does it look like to want God's blessings without surrendering to the King?
4. How do cultural ideas slowly influence the way Christians think and live?
5. What happens when people reduce Christianity to morality instead of relationship with Christ?
6. What do you think gospel resilience looks like in day-to-day life?
7. What distractions keep people focused on earthly things instead of heavenly things?



## GOING DEEPER

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READ **Colossians 3:1-10** together.

1. What is something that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. What do you notice about the difference between an earthly mindset and a heavenly mindset?
3. What stands out about the idea of putting old ways of living to death?
4. Why is transformation more than just behavior modification?
5. How does Colossians 3 challenge the captive lie that we can live well on our own terms without Christ as King?

READ **John 15:1-8** together.

6. What do you think it means practically for you to “remain” in Christ? Be specific.
7. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes dependence rather than self-sufficiency in this passage?
8. What does this passage reveal about where genuine spiritual fruit comes from?



## YOUR NEXT STEP

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1. What is one area of your life where Christ needs to have greater influence or priority?
2. Identify someone who helps encourage and strengthen your faith. Text them or write them a note thanking them and thanking God for their influence in your life.



## PRAYING TOGETHER

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Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.