

Colossians: A Holy House

Colossians 3:18-4:1

Sermon: Faith in Focus

Sermon Theme: *In this passage, Paul addresses the implications the Gospel has for our households and workplace.*

OPENING QUESTIONS

Group leaders, you are challenged to come up with 2 discussion starter-questions that either relate to the sermon or are relevant to your specific growth group.

THE WORD READ

- Have the text read aloud in your group by either nominating someone or by taking turns.

Colossians 3:18-4:1 (ESV), ¹⁸ *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.* ¹⁹ *Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.* ²⁰ *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.* ²¹ *Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.* ²² *Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.* ²³ *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,* ²⁴ *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* ²⁵ *For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.*

4 *Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.*

- Have your group pray that Holy Spirit would work in your group so the group would have a fuller grasp of the text, have a great discussion, and would grow as friends.

THE WORD DISCUSSED

- Watch the sermon discussion video, taking note of points for later discussion.
- What new insights into the sermon or the text did you discover through this video?

THE WORD PREACHED

- How has your knowledge of God deepened through this sermon?
- How has your understanding of the world broadened through this sermon?
- How has your awareness of yourself been enriched through this sermon?
- What new truths about the Christianity, the Church, or Christ have you discovered through this sermon?

THE WORD LIVED

- In what ways were you personally comforted in your walk with Christ through this sermon?
- Where were you personally convicted by the Holy Spirit in the area of holiness through this sermon?
- How were you personally commissioned to live more fully for God through this sermon - and how can this group pray to support you and hold you accountable to this?

CLOSING PRAYER

Spend some time as a group praying for each other's needs. (Group Leaders, be mindful of on-going prayer requests.) Challenge everyone to pray aloud.