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Study Questions

Complete in Christ: A Study in the Book of Colossians

If You Believe It...Then Live It

Colossians 3:1-4

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Opening Discussion

1. At the end of the day what we believe is really determined by how we live, not what we say we believe. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2. How many of our struggles and poor choices in life are a result of failing to truly believe what we say we believe?
3. What does the sufficiency of Christ mean to you? In what ways do our lifestyles and choices reflect a failure to truly believe in the sufficiency of Christ?

Bible Study

1. Review what you've learned so far from Colossians 1-2.
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What does the "Therefore" refer to in 3:1?
3. Compare 3:1 with 2:20. What did we "die" to and what does it mean to be "raised up with Christ?"
4. There is a grammatical relationship between the indicative mood and the imperative mood for the verbs in these verses. The indicative is the statement of fact and the imperative is the command based on that fact. What are the statements of fact in 3:1-4 and what are the commands based on those facts?
5. In practical terms, what does it mean to "keep seeking things above," and "set your mind on things above, not things that are on the earth?" What does that look like on a daily basis?
6. What does Paul mean when he says that our lives "will be revealed with Him in glory?" How does this truth help us to live counter to the value system of this world?

Application

1. What practical things can you do to keep your mind focused on the truth of Christ and not on the things that are on earth?
2. How can you together as a group help one another “keep seeking things above?”
3. What one area of your life do you need to work on to truly live what you say you believe? What is your plan for working on that area? What will you do this week?