

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Christ is Your Life

Colossians 3:1–4

Icebreaker Questions:

1. Have you ever seen/read a Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens before? What did you like or dislike about it?
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Read the Passage Aloud:

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

PART 1 — CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE: PAST

Key Ideas:

- We *have died* to our old life.
- We *have been* raised with Christ
- Through union with Christ (a completed past reality), we receive a new *identity*, a new *family*, and a new *way of living*.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Aloud:** Colossians 1:13; 1:21-22; Colossians 2:13-15
 - What do these passages tell us about who we were before the work of Christ?
 - What kingdom were we a part of?
 - What sort of actions and behaviors were we defined by?
 - What do these passages tell us about God's activity and action?
 - What Kingdom are we a part of now?
 - What happened to our debt incurred by sin?
 - What does it mean that we have been redeemed and reconciled?

2. When you think about your spiritual past, what truth about Jesus' finished work is hardest for you to *remember*?
3. Which part of "union with Christ" (a **new me**, **new we**, or **new way**) is most encouraging—or challenging—for you right now? Why?

Reflection Moment:

Where do you still feel defined by your past rather than by Christ's past work for you?

PART 2 — CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE: PRESENT

Key Ideas:

- Because we have died to our old self and have been raised with Christ, we are to fix our mind on things above, where Christ is.
- Paul does not intend for us to forget or move on from earthly responsibilities, but to stop focusing on (or returning to) earthly/sinful things and desires (Col 3:5-8).

Discussion Questions:

1. When you have a free moment, where does your mind naturally wander?
2. What role does prayer play in fixing your mind on things above?

Reflection Moment:

Is there an area of distraction, noise, or busyness that you sense Jesus inviting you to surrender?

PART 3 — CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE: YET TO COME

Key Ideas:

- Our future is secure: Christ will return.
- We will be with Him and be like Him (1 John 3:2)
- This certainty gives strength for perseverance today. We will not be put to shame (Romans 10:11).

Discussion Questions:

1. Colossians 1:23 points to the need for perseverance. What things will help you prepare for (and stay ready) for Christ's return?

Reflection Moment:

Where do you need renewed hope in Christ's promised future?

PRAYER TIME

Invite group members to share prayer needs—gratitude, struggles, hopes.

Suggestions:

- Give thanks for Jesus' past work.
 - Pray for focus and faithfulness today.
 - Pray with anticipation for His return.
 - Pray for those who have yet to trust that Christ is their life.
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