

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Andy Rauschkolb, pastor to young adults, continued in the series, Kingdom Culture: A study of the book of Colossians. The first fourteen verses in chapter three capture the Kingdom mindset. As recapped by Andy:

A Kingdom mindset is:

- Setting your heart and mind on Christ
- Putting to death the old self
- Putting on your new self

The next three verses tell us how to live out this Kingdom mindset.

“The kingdom of God is for reigning. It is present wherever what God wants done is done.” — Dallas Willard

SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 NET

³ Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth, ³ for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ (who is your life) appears, then you too will be revealed in glory with him. ⁵ So put to death whatever in your nature belongs to the earth: sexual immorality, impurity, shameful passion, evil desire, and greed which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷ You also lived your lives in this way at one time, when you used to live among them. ⁸ But now, put off all such things as anger, rage, malice, slander, abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another since you have put off the old man with its practices ¹⁰ and have been clothed with the new man that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one who created it. ¹¹ Here there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all and in all.

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others. ¹⁴ And to all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

ROMANS 8:13

“For if you live according to the flesh (earthly nature), you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”

ROMANS 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Andy's message?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-14. Then read each of the following statements about a Kingdom mindset. Which verses correspond to the statements?
 - Setting your heart and mind on Christ
 - Putting to death the old self
 - Putting on your new self
3. Put the verses into your own words for each of the statements above. (Use the Romans passages for additional information).
4. What are examples you've seen or experienced of a heart and mind set on Christ?
5. What in your life needs to be put to death? What would your new self look like if you did?
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for his Word that is so clear about what it means to live in his Kingdom now and in eternity. Ask him to reveal those areas that need to die in your life, and for the Holy Spirit to do the work within your heart and mind to transform you into your new self.