

Sermon: Growing as a Sower.
Series: *Gathering and Scattering*

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17.
Date: June 9, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verse 16 calls for thankfulness to God. Start your group by listing things that you are thankful to God for. Think about spiritual blessings and physical blessings?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) How do you feel about sowing the seed of the gospel? Do you feel qualified or unqualified? How does this passage remind us that all who are in Christ are qualified to share the gospel?

b) Re-read verse 17. This verse is calling for us to live a consistent life for Christ wherever we are and whatever we do. Can you identify any areas of inconsistency in your life that you need to address today? For example, do you act differently at home or work than you do in church?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) In this passage Paul is telling us to “be what we already are.” Go through the passage together and find all the statements of who and what we are in Christ. Then go back through the passage and find the statements of what we must do, or how we must live, based on who we are in Christ.

b) Where can you see your new heart (the heart of Christ) at work in your life transforming you from the list in v. 5-9 to the list in verses 12-17? Are the “earthly” things of v. 5-9 becoming disgusting to you? Remember this is a slow process.

APPLICATION

a) The beginning of the passage tells us to set our minds on things above, and the end of the passage tells us to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. How do these two things work together?

b) What daily habits can you form that will keep your mind on heavenly truths while keeping the gospel in your heart?

c) Do you see your home as a training ground for “putting on love” (v.14)? What might change at home if you did?

PRAYER

- Thank God for raising you to new life in Christ.
- Confess ways that you have failed to live consistently from your new heart.
- Thank Jesus for sharing his life with you so that you can live like him in the world.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to put to death sin and put on love and purity in its place.