NOTES & QUOTES

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

"BLESSING"

Week 2 Talking Points | Colossians 3:15-17

Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. Let's start with a little game of "desert island." What 3 items would you want if you were trapped on a deserted island?
- 2. Have you ever experienced a time or situation in your life when you felt trapped? Explain.
- 3. What piece of advice or blessing has someone given to you which you've hung onto as a help in life?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read Colossians 3:15, John 16:33, Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 2:13-17, and Colossians 1:19-20. How do these verses help give us a fuller understanding of the peace of Christ?
- 5. Read Colossians 3:16. If a community of believers were to allow the message of Christ to dwell in them richly, how do you think that would manifest itself among them and among those who aren't yet followers of Christ?
- 6. Read Colossians 3:17 and Philippians 2:9-11. How do the words in Philippians connect to the encouragement in Colossians to do everything in the name of Jesus?

7. If you were to speak a blessing over someone in your own words using Colossians 3:15-17 as a guide, what would you say in a sentence or two?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

- 8. Think of a strained relationship in your life. What would it look like to "let the peace of Christ rule" in that relationship?
- 9. What are some ways we can allow the "word of Christ" to go beyond something we simply hear or read and actually dwell in us richly? What words of Jesus are you hanging onto today?
- 10. As you consider the week ahead, what would it look like to practically filter your words and actions through the name of Jesus?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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