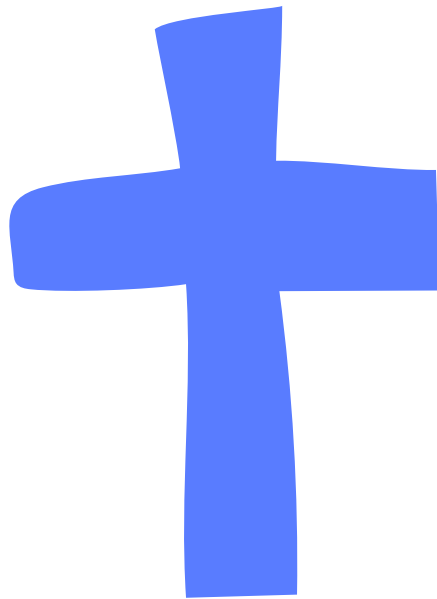


It's All About **Jesus!**

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS



FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

What is this?

This is a guide to help families have spiritual conversations with each other about our Sunday morning series through Colossians.

There are 3 devotions (Day 1,2,3) that correspond to each sermon. The blue heading at the top of each page is the sermon title and text.

How do I use this?

- Simply read the verses in **bold** and short paragraph underneath, discuss for a few minutes, and pray together. You have 3 opportunities throughout the week after the Sunday morning sermon to read, discuss, and pray.
- The heading that says “optional” is specifically for families with younger children. It follows the story of Jesus through the book of Matthew. Read the passage, let them answer the questions, briefly explain the “takeaway” underneath, then pray together.
- No preparation is required for this.
- This does not have to take long. You should be able to finish this in 10 minutes or less (even less for families with younger children).
- This would be a great resource to use while in the car on the way back from church. You could also use this before bedtime, or before school in the morning.
- Not only families that have children in the home can use this, anyone can!

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1

Paul is identified as the author of Colossians. Before he became a follower of Jesus, he persecuted those who believed in Him. Paul shows us that no matter our past circumstances, we can still glorify God in the present and experience His peace as we walk with Jesus. What sticks out to you about the life of Paul, and how do you think his life influences us to be like Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 1:18-21

- Who was Jesus' mother?
- Who was Mary betrothed to?
- Who appeared to Joseph in a dream?
- Who caused Mary to become pregnant?
- What did the angel say that Jesus would do?

Takeaway: Jesus will save his people from their sins.

Pray:

Pray that your family would imitate Paul as he imitates Jesus.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:1-2; John 6:35

Jesus is mentioned around 80 times in the 95 verses that make up Colossians. That's a lot of Jesus! What do you think Paul is saying to us through this emphasis, and how is it supposed to impact our life?

Optional:

Matthew 2:1-12

- Where was Jesus born?
- Who was it that came to see Jesus?
- Who was the king that tried to trick the wise men?
- What were the gifts that the wise men gave to Jesus?
- What were the wise men warned about in a dream?

Takeaway: God protected Jesus and He will protect us.

Pray:

Pray that your family will draw near to Jesus, the Bread of life.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:18; 2:9; 3:4

These are 3 of the key verses in the book of Colossians. In your own words, what is Paul saying about Jesus in these passages? How do these descriptions of Jesus effect our lives?

Optional:

Matthew 3:1-5

- Who came preaching in the wilderness of Judea?
- What did John preach?
- What did John wear and eat?
- What did John do to those who confessed their sins?

Takeaway: John talked a lot about Jesus and we should to.

Pray:

Pray that your family will place Jesus at the center of everything.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHANGES LIVES- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:3-8

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:3; Ephesians 1:15-16; Philemon 4

The apostle Paul was constantly praying for other people. He believed that God worked in the lives of others through his prayers. What do you think Paul's example teaches us about prayer, and the things we should be praying for?

Optional:

Matthew 3:13-17

- Why did Jesus come to John?
- Did John want to baptize Jesus?
- Why did Jesus want to be baptized?
- What did Jesus see after He was baptized?
- What did the voice from heaven say?

Takeaway: God was well pleased with everything Jesus did, so we should listen to Jesus.

Pray:

Pray for 5 people you know that need God's power in their life.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHANGES LIVES- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:3-8

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:4-5; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 13:13

Paul says that the Colossians's faith, love and hope came from the truth of the gospel. How would you define "the gospel?" What does the gospel have the power to change in a person's life?

Optional:

Matthew 4:1-11

- Who tempted Jesus?
- How long did Jesus fast?
- The devil wanted Jesus to turn stones into what?
- What did the devil want Jesus to do while at the temple?
- The devil said he would give Jesus the kingdoms of the world if He did what?

Takeaway: Jesus listened to God, not the devil.

Pray:

Pray that the gospel will change your family.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHANGES LIVES- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:3-8

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:6-8; John 15:5

Paul says that the gospel is “bringing forth fruit” in all the world. What does this imply that the gospel is designed by God to do? What does this tell us our focus in life should be?

Optional:

Matthew 4:18-22

- What sea was Jesus walking by?
- What did Peter and Andrew do for a living?
- What did Jesus say to them, and what did they do?
- Who were the other two brothers Jesus saw?
- What did they do when Jesus called them?

Takeaway: It is worth giving something up to follow Jesus.

Pray:

Pray that the gospel will bear fruit in all the world.

A LIFE WORTHY OF JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:9; 1 John 5:14-15

Paul prayed without ceasing that the Colossian Christians would understand God's will. What is God's will, and why is it important for us to know it?

Optional:

Matthew 5:1-10

- Are the poor in spirit blessed in the kingdom of heaven?
- What will happen to those who mourn?
- Who are the ones who will be filled?
- Who shall obtain mercy?
- Who will be called sons of God?

Takeaway: Those who are blessed are those who follow Jesus.

Pray:

Pray that God will help your family live according to His will.

A LIFE WORTHY OF JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1

Paul prays that the Colossian Christians would live in a way that was fully pleasing to Jesus. What are we supposed to do to be fully pleasing to Jesus? (look closely at the passage)

Optional:

Matthew 5:13-16

- You are the salt _____.
_____.
- What happens to salt when it loses its flavor?
- You are the light _____.
_____.
- You put a lamp on a what?

**Takeaway: We show others what God is
like when we follow Jesus.**

Pray:

Pray that God will help your family be fully pleasing to Jesus.

A LIFE WORTHY OF JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:12-14; Ephesians 5:20

Paul lists the wonderful things that God has done for His children, and he can't help but to give thanks. What has God done for us, and why should we give thanks constantly?

Optional:

Matthew 5:21-26

- Is being selfishly angry at your brother or sister a good thing, or a bad thing?
- What does Jesus say to do before you worship God if your brother has something against you?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by being gentle and kind to our family.

Pray:

Spend time thanking God for what He has done for your family in prayer.

JESUS IS SUPREME- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:15-17

Paul says several amazing things about Jesus in this passage. Have each person pick 1 aspect of Jesus, and explain why it is significant to you.

Optional:

Matthew 5:38-42

- An eye for an eye and a ____ ____ ____ ____.
- Jesus tells us not to resist whom?
- Jesus says to do what if someone slaps you on the right cheek?
- If someone compels us to go one mile, how many miles should we go?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by returning evil with good.

Pray:

Pray that your family may submit to Jesus as the supreme King of the world.

JESUS IS SUPREME- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22

Jesus is the head over the church. That means that He carries the authority and dictates how we are to live. What is the “church”, and why is it important for the church to live under the authority of Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 5:43-48

- Love your enemies and _____.
- What are we to do to those who hate us and persecute us?
- Does Jesus want us to only love those who love us?
- Does Jesus want us to be kind to only those who are kind to us?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by loving those who don't love us.

Pray:

Pray that your family may live by the authority of Jesus as your Head.

JESUS IS SUPREME- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18

Jesus has reconciled ALL THINGS to Himself, making peace. That means that He owns everything as the rightful King of the world. How do you think it changes our perspective on life when we view Jesus as King over all things?

Optional:

Matthew 6:1-4

- Does Jesus want us to give to people in order to be seen by others?
- When we do good things, what are we not to do?
- When we do good things, what are we to do?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by doing good to others so that God may be glorified, not ourselves.

Pray:

Pray that your family would live like Jesus owns you.

RECONCILED BY JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:1-2,12; Romans 5:8

Before coming to Jesus, Paul says that the Colossians were separated from God and were His enemies because of their sins. But Jesus shows how much He loved us by dying for us while we were still in our sins. What do you think about a God who would do something like this?

Optional:

Matthew 6:9-18

- Our Father in Heaven _____.
- Your kingdom _____.
- Give us this day our _____.
- Do not lead us into _____.
- What will happen if you forgive men their trespasses?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by praying to God like this.

Pray:

Pray that your family would live in the forgiveness and love of God.

RECONCILED BY JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Paul says that when Jesus reconciled us through His human body, he did so to present us holy and blameless before the Father. Even though we have many sins, because of Jesus, we can stand before the Father as though we have never sinned. What is your reaction to this?

Optional:

Matthew 6:19-24

- Where should we not lay up treasures for ourselves?
- Where should we lay up treasures?
- The lamp of the body is the _____.
- Can a person serve two masters?
- You cannot serve God and _____.

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by using the things we have to glorify Him.

Pray:

Thank God for the marvelous grace He gives us through Jesus.

RECONCILED BY JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:23; John 15:6; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Paul says that Jesus' sacrifice for sins only stands IF we remain in the faith, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel. Why do you think it's important for us to be reminded of this fact? What are some habits we need to grow in that will help us walk with Jesus, and keep us from backsliding?

Optional:

Matthew 6:25-34

- Should we worry about our life?
- Does God feed the birds? Will He feed us?
- Does God know that we need food and clothing?
- But seek first the _____.
- Should we worry about tomorrow?

**Takeaway: We follow Jesus by trusting in
God's love and care.**

Pray:

Pray that your family may remain faithful to Jesus.

SERVING JESUS' CHURCH- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:24-26

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:24; 2 Corinthians 7:4

Paul suffered for the sake of Christ's body, the church, and considered it a joy. What kind of pattern do you think Paul is setting for us in this passage? Why is it worth suffering for the church of Christ?

Optional:

Matthew 7:1-4

- Judge not that you be not _____.
- Can you judge someone who has a speck in their eye, while you have a plank in yours?
- What should you do first before you take the speck out of your brother's eye?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by fixing our problems before fixing someone else.

Pray:

Pray that your family would consider it a joy to suffer for Jesus and His church.

SERVING JESUS' CHURCH- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:24-26

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:25; Romans 15:15-16

Paul was a minister (a servant) to Jesus' church which he believed was a task given to him by God. Do you think God gives us the task of being servants to Jesus' church? In what ways should we serve?

Optional:

Matthew 7:7-11

- Ask and it will be _____.
_____.
- Seek, _____.
_____.
- Knock, _____.
_____.
- Will a good parent give his son a stone when he asks for bread?
- Will God (who is a good Parent) give you good gifts when you ask?

Takeaway: God is good. He will give us what we need when we seek Him.

Pray:

Pray that your family would become more effective servants of Jesus' church.

SERVING JESUS' CHURCH- DAY 3
COLOSSIANS 1:24-26

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:26; 2 Timothy 1:10

Paul says that the mystery of God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ was a mystery hidden for ages, but now revealed to the saints. How privileged do you think we are of knowing God's plan unlike those who lived in the old covenant, and what responsibility does that give us in the present?

Optional:

Matthew 7:12

- How should we treat other people?
- For this is the _____.

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by treating others the way we want to be treated.

Pray:

Pray that your family would be good stewards of what you have in Jesus.

JESUS IN YOU- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 1:27-29

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20

Paul says that a part of God's wonderful mystery is that Jesus is in His people. We are blessed with the comforting presence of God because of Jesus. How does God's desire to be with His people make you feel? What does it encourage you to do?

Optional:

Matthew 7:24-27

- What are the people like who listen to Jesus and do what He says?
- Will their house fall?
- What are the people like who don't listen to Jesus?
- Will their house stand?

**Takeaway: We are wise when we obey
Jesus, but foolish when we don't.**

Pray:

Thank God for living in your family.

JESUS IN YOU- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 1:27-29

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:28; James 1:2-4

Paul preached Jesus to the church to present each person perfect (mature). The message of Jesus leads us to greater spiritual maturity when we saturate our lives with Him. What does greater maturity in Jesus look like?

Optional:

Matthew 8:1-4

- Who came to Jesus and worshiped Him?
- Did the leper believe Jesus could make him clean?
- What happened after Jesus touched him?
- Who did Jesus tell the leper to go to?

Takeaway: Jesus has the power to make sick people clean.

Pray:

Pray that your family will grow into maturity in Jesus.

JESUS IN YOU- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1:27-29

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 1:29; 1 Corinthians 15:10

Paul worked hard for Jesus, but He believed that it was the power of Jesus, not his own, that gave Him the strength to accomplish great things. Jesus gives His people the strength they need to work for Him. How does this truth motivate you to work hard for Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 9:10-13

- Who came and sat with Jesus while he was in the house?
- Who questioned Jesus about this?
- Do sick people or well people need a doctor?
- Who did Jesus come to call?

Takeaway: Jesus is like a doctor who heals people of their sins.

Pray:

Pray that God will strengthen your family to work hard for Jesus.

JESUS: THE MYSTERY OF GOD- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 2:1-5

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:1-2; Ephesians 6:22

Paul sincerely loved followers of Jesus even though he had never met them personally. He wanted them to be encouraged, united together with love, and understand the riches of Jesus Christ. How do you think Paul's attitude toward the church worldwide should influence our attitude toward followers of Jesus that we have never met?

Optional:

Matthew 11:28-30

- Who does Jesus invite to come to Him?
- What will Jesus give them?
- Will Jesus teach them?
- Jesus is _____ and _____.
- Is Jesus' yoke heavy or light?

Takeaway: Jesus gives us true rest.

Pray:

Pray for the church around the world, and that God would help your family love all followers of Jesus more deeply.

JESUS: THE MYSTERY OF GOD- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 2:1-5

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:14-15

Paul here is confronting a false doctrine which said people needed more than Jesus to be pleasing to God, and to live an abundant life. Paul says that Jesus is all we need: all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Him. What voices do you hear today that say “you need more than Jesus?” And what should be our response?

Optional:

Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23

- What came and devoured the seeds by the wayside?
- What happened to the seed that fell on stony places?
- What did the thorns do to some of the seeds?
- What happened to the seeds that fell on good soil?

Takeaway: When we hear Jesus and obey Him, we will produce good things for God.

Pray:

Pray that your family will always draw near to Jesus as the One you really need.

JESUS: THE MYSTERY OF GOD- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 2:1-5

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:5; 1 Peter 5:8-9

Paul wanted the Colossians to be steadfast (firm) in their faith, and resist the schemes of the devil. How do we stay firm in our faith?

Optional:

Matthew 13:31-33

- The kingdom of heaven is like a _____.
- Where did the man sow the mustard seed?
- What happened to the mustard seed when it was grown?
- The kingdom of heaven is like _____.
- What happened to the leaven?

Takeaway: Jesus' kingdom starts small, but grows into something amazing.

Pray:

Pray that your family will stay firm in the faith.

WALKING IN JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 2:6-10

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:1

Paul encouraged the Colossians to listen to their teachers who have taught them to walk with Jesus. Why do you think it is important to listen in Bible class, worship, and family devotional time? How will it hurt us if we don't come to worship or sincerely listen to what is being taught?

Optional:

Matthew 13:44-46

- The kingdom of heaven is like _____ hidden in a field.
- What did the man do to the treasure when he found it?
- What did he do after he sold all that he had?
- What did the pearl merchant do after he found a pearl of great price?

Takeaway: What Jesus can give us is worth more than everything we already have.

Pray:

Pray that your family will listen to spiritual things and grow.

WALKING IN JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 2:6-10

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:8; Galatians 1:13-16

Paul says that a part of walking with Jesus is rejecting philosophy, human reasoning, and traditions of men when they contradict God's word. Why do you think listening to man and not God will "cheat" us or "take us captive"?

Optional:

Matthew 14:13-21

- What did the multitudes do when they heard Jesus left?
- When Jesus saw them, He was moved with what?
- When they were hungry, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do?
- How many loaves and fish were there?
- How many baskets were left over?

Takeaway: Jesus will give His people what they need.

Pray:

Pray that your family will cultivate hearts that love God and want to do what He says.

WALKING IN JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 2:6-10

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:9-10; John 1:1,14

Paul says that the fullness of God dwells in the body of Jesus. Since we (the church) are members of His body, we are complete in Him. Talk about the different ways people go searching for “completeness” today. Is there anything else that can make us complete other than Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 14:22-33

- What did Jesus make his disciples get into?
- What happened to the boat while it was in the sea?
- In the fourth watch of the night, what did Jesus do?
- Peter got out of the boat and did what?
- What did Jesus say to Peter after He rescued him?

Takeaway: Jesus is more powerful than the forces of nature.

Pray:

Pray that your family will find completeness in Jesus.

CIRCUMCISION & BAPTISM IN JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:11-12; Romans 6:4

Paul implies that God performed spiritual surgery on our hearts when we were baptized. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, God raised us from spiritual death to walk with a new life and a new heart. Why do you think baptism is necessary based on this passage? Is what happens in baptism God's work, or ours (vs. 12)?

Optional:

Matthew 15:32-39

- What attitude did Jesus have toward the multitude?
- How many loaves and fish did they have?
- What did Jesus do to the loaves and fish?
- How many men were there?
- How many baskets were left over?

**Takeaway: Jesus has compassion on His people
and gives them what they need.**

Pray:

Pray that your family would trust in the power of God that came into your lives at baptism.

CIRCUMCISION & BAPTISM IN JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 7:4

Though we have many sins, all our sins were nailed to the cross when we were baptized into Jesus. Jesus wipes our slate clean so that we can live in the freedom of forgiveness. Describe in your own words the relationship between forgiveness and freedom. In what ways are we free in Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 16:13-23

- Who did men say that Jesus was?
- Who did Peter think Jesus was?
- What would Jesus build on this rock (Peter's statement)?
- What did Jesus say would happen to Him when He went to Jerusalem?

Takeaway: Jesus defeats death by dying and rising from the grave.

Pray:

Pray that your family will live in the freedom of Jesus' forgiveness.

CIRCUMCISION & BAPTISM IN JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 6:12

Jesus defeated Satan and his forces at the cross, and we shared in that victory when we came up out of the waters of baptism. How does it motivate you to know that even though we still battle with the spiritual forces of darkness, the war is already won through Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 16:24-26

- If anyone desires to follow Jesus, what must they do?
- What should people do if they want to save their life?
- What will happen to those who lose their life for Jesus' sake?
- Does someone profit anything if they gain the whole world, but lose their soul?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by making Him the center of our life.

Pray:

Pray that your family will lean on Jesus who gives us the victory over our enemies.

JESUS IS WHO YOU NEED- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 8:1-6

Paul says that Jesus is the source (the substance) of all spiritual nourishment, not what the false teachers are commanding the Colossians to do. How do you think viewing Jesus as the source of everything we need will influence our behavior and attitudes for the better?

Optional:

Matthew 18:1-4

- Did the disciples want to know who was the least or the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- Who did Jesus call to Himself?
- Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by trusting God like a little child trusts their mommy or daddy.

Pray:

Pray that your family will see Jesus as the source of everything you need.

JESUS IS WHO YOU NEED- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:18-19; Philippians 2:3-5

Paul points out the motives of the false teachers. They lacked humility. How would you define humility? What kinds of things does a humble person do? How important is it that we be humble?

Optional:

Matthew 18:12-14

- How many sheep did the man have?
- How many sheep went astray?
- What does the man do who loses the one sheep?
- What does the man do when he finds the sheep?
- Is it God's will that any should perish?

Takeaway: God wants all people to be saved.

Pray:

Pray that your family would always be humble like Jesus.

JESUS IS WHO YOU NEED- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 2:20-23; 1 Timothy 4:8

Paul says that the wisdom of the false teachers has no value in fighting against sinful desires ("the indulgence of the flesh"). The only way to be pure and live holy is to identify oneself with Jesus and trust in Him. What do you think the relationship is between trusting Jesus and living a holy life?

Optional:

Matthew 18:21-35

- How many times did Jesus say we should forgive?
- How much did the servant owe the king?
- Did the king forgive him?
- How much did the fellow servant owe his friend?
- Did the servant forgive his friend?

Takeaway: We forgive others like God has forgiven us.

Pray:

Pray that your family will trust Jesus more than sinful desires.

JESUS IS OUR LIFE- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 16:23

Paul says that Jesus is seated next to God. There is no one closer to God than Jesus. If we want to be close to God, then we need to get close to Jesus. We do this by setting our minds on things above, where He is. What specifically are the things from above and how do we seek them?

Optional:

Matthew 19:1-6

- Who came to Jesus to test Him?
- They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his _____ for just any reason?"
- The man and woman shall become _____.
- Is man supposed to separate what God joins together?

Takeaway: Marriage is between one man and one woman for life.

Pray:

Pray that your family would set your minds on things above where Jesus is.

JESUS IS OUR LIFE- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:14

Paul says that when we were united with Jesus, our old self died. Describe in your own words how a person can die but still live in this way. What does this death mean concerning how we live our life united to Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 20:29-34

- Out of what city did a great multitude follow Jesus?
- Who cried out to Jesus as they sat by the road?
- What did they call Jesus?
- What did the blind men want Jesus to do for them?
- What happened after Jesus touched their eyes?

Takeaway: Jesus can heal those who are blind.

Pray:

Pray that your family will died to self and live for Jesus.

JESUS IS OUR LIFE- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:4; John 11:25

Paul encourages the Colossians in this passage to look forward to the day that Jesus returns when they will see Him and share in His glory. How does setting our hopes and dreams on the return of Jesus help us to live for Him in the present?

Optional:

Matthew 21:1-11

- What city did they draw near?
- What animal did Jesus want the disciples to bring?
- What did the multitude place on the road?
- What did the multitude shout toward Jesus? (Hosanna means "Save us" and Son of David is a title of the King)

Takeaway: Jesus is a King who saves His people.

Pray:

Pray that your family would long for Jesus to come again.

BEING LIKE JESUS IS ALL THAT MATTERS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:5-8; Galatians 5:19-23

Now that we have been united to Jesus, we are to actively put to death what is earthly in us. Take a close look at the list of earthly things in vs. 5 and 8. In what ways have you grown, and what are you still working on?

Optional:

Matthew 22:34-40

- Who had Jesus silenced?
- Who was it that asked Jesus a question?
- Why did he ask the question?
- What is the greatest command?
- What is the second?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourself.

Pray:

Pray that God will help your family actively put to death what is earthly in you.

BEING LIKE JESUS IS ALL THAT MATTERS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:9-10; Romans 8:29

Paul says that our new self is being renewed into the image of our Creator. We are being made to look just like Jesus. With this truth in view, explain why it isn't beneficial and even harmful to indulge in the ways of our old self.

Optional:

Matthew 23:37-39

- What city does Jesus mention that rejects God's messengers?
- Jesus wanted to gather His people like what animal?
- Were the people willing to listen to Jesus?
- What is left desolate?

Takeaway: Not everyone listens to Jesus. We need to make sure that we do.

Pray:

Pray that your family will grow into the image of Jesus.

BEING LIKE JESUS IS ALL THAT MATTERS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:11; Galatians 3:26-28

It doesn't matter who you once were. All that matters in your new life is Jesus Christ. He lives in all of His followers though they come from very different circumstances. He unites all people together. Describe how this view of Jesus and ourselves should influence how we treat fellow Christians.

Optional:

Matthew 24:36-44

- Who knows when the day and hour of Jesus' return will be?
- The return of the Son of Man will be like in the days of whom?
- Do we know what hour Jesus is coming?
- What must we do since we do not know when Jesus will come back?

Takeaway: We need to always be ready because Jesus is coming again.

Pray:

Pray that your family would treat fellow Christians like family.

REPRESENT JESUS IN ALL YOU DO AND SAY-

DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:12-13; Ephesians 4:32

Paul identifies many of the traits that we should embrace as a part of our new self in Jesus. Which of these traits are you growing in? Which do you need to work on?

Optional:

Matthew 25:14-30

- What did the man deliver to his servants when he went into a far country?
- What did the 5 talent and 2 talent man do?
- What did the 1 talent man do?
- Was the master pleased or displeased with the 1 talent man?

**Takeaway: We follow Jesus by using the talents
God gives us to glorify Him.**

Pray:

Pray that your family will grow in these traits.

REPRESENT JESUS IN ALL YOU DO AND SAY-

DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:14-16; Philippians 4:8-9

When you embrace these traits, you represent Jesus. Describe how you think it will encourage those around you to submit to Jesus when they see you representing Him with these traits.

Optional:

Matthew 26:20-29

- What did Jesus say that one of the disciples would do to Him?
- After Jesus blessed and broke the bread, what did He say?
- What did the cup represent?
- Why was Jesus' blood shed?

Takeaway: We remember Jesus when we take the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week.

Pray:

Pray that your family will be lights in the world.

REPRESENT JESUS IN ALL YOU DO AND SAY-

DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31

In all that we say or do, we are to represent Jesus. Talk about some examples of what it looks like to represent Jesus at school, on the ball field, at your friend's house, at work, at the grocery store, or wherever you may be.

Optional:

Matthew 26:36-46

- Jesus came with them to a place called what?
- How did Jesus feel?
- What did Jesus pray?
- Did the disciples stay awake and support Jesus?

Takeaway: Jesus prayed for what God wanted, and we should too.

Pray:

Pray that your family will represent Jesus wherever you may be.

JESUS TRANSFORMS OUR RELATIONSHIPS-

DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:18-19; Ephesians 5:22-33

The Bible claims that God's design for marriage and the family is the best way. Talk about why you think God's design of marriage is the best way in comparison to other lifestyles.

Optional:

Matthew 26:69-75

- Who came up to Peter and accused him of being with Jesus?
- How did Peter respond?
- What did the second girl say to Peter?
- How many times total did Peter deny Jesus?
- What animal crowed that made Peter realized what he had done?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by standing up for Him even when it's difficult.

Pray:

Pray that your family will uphold and seek to embrace God's wonderful design of marriage and family.

JESUS TRANSFORMS OUR RELATIONSHIPS-

DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:1

Jesus-like living isn't just for adults, it's for children as well. Children can be like Jesus when they respect and obey their mom and dad. Why does it please the Lord when children obey their parents?

Optional:

Matthew 27:11-13

- Who did Jesus stand before?
- What did the governor ask Him?
- How did Jesus respond?
- Who accused Jesus?
- What did Jesus say in response?

Takeaway: Some people won't believe Jesus to be their King. We should still have compassion on them.

Pray:

Pray that God would help you to love and obey your parents.

JESUS TRANSFORMS OUR RELATIONSHIPS-

DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 3:22-4:1; 1 Peter 2:18

How do you think you can apply the principles that Paul expounds upon here to your work and school relationships?

Optional:

Matthew 27:29-34

- What did they twist on Jesus' head?
- What did they put in His right hand?
- What did they say to Jesus?
- Who did they compel to carry Jesus' cross?
- What does "Golgotha" mean?
- What did they give Jesus to drink?

Takeaway: Jesus suffered for you and me.

Pray:

Pray that your family may act and treat people like Jesus in your day to day relationships.

REACHING OUTSIDERS FOR JESUS- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1

God's will is that our knee jerk reaction to life's circumstances is to go to Him in prayer. Describe what it means to be "watchful" or "vigilant" in prayer using your own words.

Optional:

Matthew 27:35-44

- They crucified Jesus and divided His what?
- What was the accusation they put over His head?
- How many robbers were crucified with Jesus?
- Did the chief priests also mock Him?

Takeaway: Jesus was crucified for us.

Pray:

Pray that your family will always lean on God through your prayer lives.

REACHING OUTSIDERS FOR JESUS- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Paul asks the Colossians to pray for Him, and that God would open a door for the word to be received by willing hearts. What doors of opportunity are there around you that can be opened by God? Why is it important to pray that God would open those doors?

Optional:

Matthew 27:45-56

- What was over all the land from the sixth hour to the ninth hour?
- What did Jesus say with a loud voice?
- Who did people think Jesus was calling?
- What did the centurion say after Jesus died?

Takeaway: Jesus died to forgive us of our sins.

Pray:

Pray that God would open up doors of opportunity for the word, and that your family will take advantage of them.

REACHING OUTSIDERS FOR JESUS- DAY 3

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:5-6; Ephesians 5:16

One way that we walk in wisdom is to “redeem the time.” God wants us to take advantage of the time He has given us to glorify Him in the presence of the outside world. What practices do you think we need to cultivate to make better use of the time we have?

Optional:

Matthew 27:57-66

- Who was the rich man from Arimathea?
- What did Joseph ask from Pilate?
- What did Joseph do with Jesus’ body?
- How many days did the Pharisees and chief priests want Jesus’ tomb to be secured?

Takeaway: Jesus claimed that He would rise from the grave on the third day.

Pray:

Pray that your family would redeem the time God gives you.

JESUS' CHURCH WORKS BEST WHEN IT WORKS TOGETHER- DAY 1

COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:7-9; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Paul sent Tychicus to comfort the hearts of the Colossians with a word of encouragement. What does the Bible say about comfort? In what ways may we be more proactive about giving comfort to others?

Optional:

Matthew 28:1-10

- Who came to see the tomb?
- Who descended from heaven, and what did he do?
- What did the guards do?
- What did the angel tell the women?
- Did the women see Jesus?
- What did Jesus say to them?

Takeaway: Jesus rose from the grave, and many people saw Him.

Pray:

Pray that your family may be comforted by the God of all comfort, and freely give comfort to others.

JESUS' CHURCH WORKS BEST WHEN IT WORKS TOGETHER- DAY 2

COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:10-15; Acts 15:37-40; 2 Timothy 4:11

At one time, Paul did not approve with Mark's behavior and was at odds with him. However, they seemed to have reconciled and loved one another greatly. What do you think this says about our relationships that become damaged. Why should we pursue reconciliation with others who we are at odds with?

Optional:

Matthew 28:11-17

- Who came into the city and told the chief priests what had happened?
- What did they give the soldiers?
- What did they want the soldiers to say?
- Did the disciples see Jesus?
- What did they do when they saw Him?

**Takeaway: The truth is that Jesus did
rise from the grave.**

Pray:

Pray that your family would pursue reconciliation and live at peace with all people.

*JESUS' CHURCH WORKS BEST WHEN IT
WORKS TOGETHER- DAY 3
COLOSSIANS 4:7-18*

Read and Discuss:

Colossians 4:16-18; Hebrews 4:12

Paul wanted other Christians to read the letter to the Colossians that you have been reading together as a family because he believed it was valuable to living like Jesus. What has been helpful to you through this study of Colossians? In what ways are you becoming more like Jesus?

Optional:

Matthew 28:18-20

- All authority has been given to Jesus in _____ and on _____.
- Jesus wants us to make what of all nations?
- We are to baptize in the name of who?
- What are we to teach people?
- Will Jesus always be with us?

Takeaway: We follow Jesus by helping other people to follow Him, and trusting that He will always be with us.

Pray:

Pray that your family would be like Jesus.