

## Leader Corner

Set Your Mind - Pt 1

Colossians 3:1-11

This study in Colossians leads us through a hands-on journey of living out our faith. This week focuses on actively running toward the things of God. In order to do that, we need to honestly confront and confess the things that keep us from fully following Jesus. What needs a clean but convincing death in you so that you can fully follow Jesus?

**Main Idea:** Set your mind on Christ

**Main Practice:** Following Christ requires complete change, even when difficult.

**Main Teaching:** Colossians 3:1-11

## Refocus with Praise

Psalm 51 offers a view into David's repentance and renewal. Read it together as a group.

**1** Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. **2** Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. **3** For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. **4** Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. **5** For I was born a sinner- yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. **6** But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. **7** Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. **8** Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me- now let me rejoice. **9** Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. **11** Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. **13** Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. **14** Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. **15** Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. **16** You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. **17** The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. **18** Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. **19** Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit- with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

## with Prayer

Regarding Psalm 51, how could we pray it for ourselves? Pray together as a group.

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**Principle**

1. Read Col 3:1-11 as a group. What central truths are present?
2. What is the therefore there for? What was Paul just saying earlier in this chapter in Colossians?
3. How do we set our minds on things that are above? What does that look like?
4. What practices has your old self come out of? What practices have replaced those?

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**Practice**

Pray God will show you the areas of your life that require repentance and change this week. Pray the He would start to work in you, then believe He truly has.

### **For Further Focus**

Study the following passages and their surrounding contexts:

\*Matthew 16:23

\*Romans 6:2

\*Romans 8:13

\*Galatians 5:24

\*Romans 12:2