

# WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

## KILLING SIN: WEEK 6

**COLOSSIANS JOURNAL:** Remind everyone to bring their journal to group. Reread the Intro to the series on page 8.

**ICEBREAKER:** Share a time when you had to give up something you enjoyed for a greater good or purpose and how did that decision impact you? You can make it light/fun or more serious. (For example, I had to give up eating ice cream every night for the “good” of my waistline.)

**CONTEXT:** In Colossians 3:1-11, Paul urges believers to seek heavenly realities and put to death earthly sins. This passage highlights the importance of aligning our lives with Christ and the necessity of actively combating sin to live out our new identity in Him.

### BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

**OVERVIEW:** Colossians aim is to deepen our understanding and desire to surrender to the reality of Christ's impact on every aspect of our lives.

Watch this 9 minute video from the Bible Project as a group or for individual study. (It is a little long so you may need to divide it into sections.)

📺 [Book of Colossians Summary: A Com...](#)

### SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on 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 also will appear with him in glory.

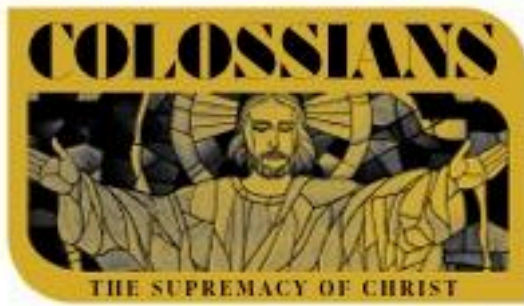
5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here, there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### STARTER QUESTIONS

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What does this passage (Colossians 3:1-11) teach us about God, who He is, and His character?



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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

As someone reads Colossians 3:1-11 out loud, have the rest of the group underline all the commands and put a "C" by them and circle the promises from God and put a "P" by each. (If using a digital Bible, you may highlight in different colors.) Discuss your findings and share which Commands are the hardest to follow and any Promises you need to claim as your "why".

Pastor James shared this quote from John Owen, "Be killing sin, or it will be killing you." What is your initial reaction to the quote and do you think it is true? If you believe it's true, how should your thoughts and actions be different?

Pastor James talked about 3 ways for us to "Kill Sin"; the Gospel, the Spirit and the Church. Here is a reminder and questions for each.

- **The Gospel.** When it comes to sin, we are not fighting for victory but FROM victory. Who's victory are we fighting from and how does this impact your fight against sin?
- **The Spirit.** The only way to win the war against sin is to walk by the Spirit (not work harder). How does Galatians 5:16-17 help us to understand our fight and how to win the war?
- **The Church.** If you want to kill sin, you need the people of God. What does this look like in your own life and in the life of your group?

How does Colossians 3:1-11 and our discussion today impact your All To Him journey as we give our all to the One who gave His all for us?

It's important to know your personal vulnerable areas in relation to temptation and sin. What are some common lies that Satan uses to tempt or deceive you?

\*Other topics to discuss. The "things above" in vs 1, Wrath of God (passive wrath and active wrath), sexual sin versus sins against others, "new self" in vs 10, and the Supremacy of Christ in vs 11.

### PRAYER

Get into groups of 3-6 and share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests. Each person prays for the person on their left.

Come back together as a large group and pray our community prayer in our journals.

*Our prayer is that we would be people filled with the knowledge of God, strengthened by the power of God, and marked by the joy of God that we might live lives worthy and pleasing to Him. Amen!*

### B.L.E.S.S. UPDATE:

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus