

January 22

Every Inch of our Community

Colossians 3:12-15

Remember – 5-10 min

Did you meet anyone on Sunday?

What stood out to you from Sunday? Did you have questions about anything?

Deepen

Identity: Who we are

Talk about how Paul describes Christians. How does your heart react to these?

Read and discuss the following passages. How do they relate to Colossians 3:12

- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Titus 3

There are so many other things in which we can seek to find our identity. What are some? Why are they so alluring?

What do we communicate to God when we do this?

Attitude: How we think and feel

Why are the attitudes in v. 12-13 not those that spring to mind when we think about Christians (or perhaps the caricature of Christians)?

Which of these cause you the most difficulty?

How does our identity in Christ shape our attitude?

Community: How we live with others

Of the commands, which one strikes you as the most challenging?

Where in your life do you need to apply these right now?

How does love bind all these together?

Transform

Read Matthew 18:21-22

What is Jesus trying to communicate about forgiveness in this passage?

Talk about the weightiness of “forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

What does this do to our excuses for not forgiving others?

Read Matthew 18:23-35

What happened to the forgiven steward?

What does he do to the one who owed him money?

This parable needs to shake us from the comfort of our unforgiveness. How do we need to understand the ending of this parable?

How does the way you live toward others betray a lack of belief in the gospel?

What specific ways is God calling you to apply this passage today?