

Bumper Cars

“ How to Navigate Through a Divided World - Part 2 ”

1. Stop the Labels v. 11

2. Practice the Opposite Behavior v. 12



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 3:11. Given that Paul was talking to a church, what does this highlight about its diversity?
- Why is this an important truth in a discriminating world? How will Point #1 protect against this type of sin?
- In what way do you see this sneaking into your thinking today? How do you need to apply Point #1?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 3:12. What does Paul's clothing metaphor imply about every Christian's responsibility?
- How does putting "off" and "on" challenge the normal "stop" mindset. How does this relate to Point #2?
- What behaviors do you think Christians today need to put "off"? Why? How does this challenge you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 3:11, Galatians 3:28

- What type of sinful division was Paul addressing in both the Colossian and the Galatian church?
- How did this relate to political, cultural, and social distinctions? Be specific. Why was this sinful?
- In what way can this subtly take place in your life? Give an example. How can avoiding labels help?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 3:11, Romans 3:23, 10:11-12

- Romans 3:23 says everyone is sinful regardless of race, social status, or gender. Why is this important?
- Scripture also distinguishes between believers and non-believers. Why is this important?
- How does this help explain the difference between biblical distinctions and sinful discrimination?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 3:11, Acts 10:17-33, Luke 10:25-37

- In what way did the Apostle Peter struggle with discrimination issues at the Colossian church?
- How did Jesus address this with the Samaritan story? What does sinful discrimination always prevent?
- How does this happen in Christianity today? How does this challenge your current approach toward others?

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 3:8-9, 12, Romans 13:12-14, Ephesians 4:20-25

- What is implied with the command to put "off" and put "on" certain types of behaviors?
- How does this clothing metaphor essentially address spiritual growth? How often do you think about this?
- Given today's divided culture, how will you be more intentional to get spiritually dressed?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 3:8-9, 12

- Briefly list the areas Paul commands all Christians to "put off". Now list the areas to "put on".
- How do they compare and contrast each other? What does this imply about just stopping behavior?
- In what way do you think this will be a challenge today? What will you put off and put on today?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 3:11-12, Proverbs 15:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Phil. 4:8, Titus 3:10-11

- What is implied about division when it comes to influencing others? Why is this important to remember?
- In what way will this fly in the face of today's "whose side are you on" mentality? Give an example.
- As you consider how you are being influenced and influencing others, what needs to be curtailed?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,