

PERSPECTIVE

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

MESSAGE: JUNE 7, 2020

FOCUS: WHEN YOU TRULY BELIEVE JESUS IS SUPREME AND SUFFICIENT IN EVERYTHING, YOU CAN HAVE A HEALTHY PERSPECTIVE ON ALL OF LIFE AND LIVE FAITHFULLY.

DISCUSS:

- COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 -

- WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "HEAVEN", WHAT FEELINGS COME TO MIND? HOW DOES YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF HEAVEN CHANGE THE WAY YOU MAKE DECISIONS HERE ON EARTH?
- READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4. IN ORDER FOR CHRIST TO BE "PREEMINENT" OR "BEFORE ALL OTHER THINGS" IN OUR LIVES, WE HAVE TO SET OUR HEART/AFFECTION ON HIM. READ ALSO GALATIANS 2:20. DESCRIBE WHAT THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND FOR CHRIST LOOKS LIKE FROM THIS VERSE.
- IN ORDER FOR CHRIST TO BE PREEMINENT IN OUR LIVES, WE MUST SET OUR MIND/ATTENTION ON HIM. READ ROMANS 12:2 AND 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17. WHAT DO THESE VERSES TELL US ABOUT SETTING OUR MINDS ON CHRIST?
- "A PREOCCUPATION WITH HEAVEN SHOULD GOVERN OUR EARTHLY RESPONSES. IF ONE IS PREOCCUPIED WITH HEAVEN, THEY ARE SO WITH CHRIST. WHAT MATTERS ARE HIS PURPOSES, HIS PLANS, HIS PROVISIONS, HIS POWER." HOW DOES THIS STATEMENT IMPACT YOU?

APPLY:

- FOR CHRIST TO BE PREEMINENT IN OUR LIVES, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT OUR LIFE IS HIDDEN IN CHRIST. READ 2 PETER 1:3-4. WHO ARE WE IN CHRIST? HOW SHOULD THIS SHAPE OUR PERSPECTIVE OF OUR POSITION?
- HOW WILL KNOWING THAT OUR LIVES ARE HIDDEN IN CHRIST DIRECTLY AFFECT, NOT ONLY OUR ACTIONS, BUT THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THOSE ACTIONS?
- FOR CHRIST TO BE PREEMINENT IN OUR LIVES, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT CHRIST IS OUR LIFE. READ JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 6:63. WHAT WORD BEST DESCRIBES THE KIND OF LIFE THAT JESUS GIVES AND WHERE DOES THIS POWER COME FROM?
- IN COLOSSIANS 3:4, PAUL ADDS A WONDERFUL PARENTHETICAL THOUGHT THAT DESCRIBES CHRIST AS OUR LIFE. WOULD YOU SAY THAT CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE? EXPLAIN

PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: TO HAVE A PROPER FOCUS ON THE ETERNAL AND FOR OUR AFFECTION AND ATTENTION TO BE SET ON CHRIST.

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