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Ice Breaker: If you are a Christian, in what area of your life have you seen the biggest change after becoming a Christian?

1. In what ways are Christians supposed to be different than the world? In what ways are they the same/similar?
 - a. Read Colossians 3:5-15, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, 1 John 2:15-17, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 as you consider your answer.
2. Paul tells the church at Colossae to be compassionate, kind, humble, meek, and patient (v. 12). Compare this list with the traits that we are to put off in verses 5 and 8.
 - a. What are some practical ways that we can strive to grow in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience?
 - b. How can we identify the areas in our life that we need to put off?
3. Verses 13-15 tell us to bear with one another, forgive, love, and let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
 - a. How are all of these qualities related? Are any dependent on another trait?
 - b. Can we have peace without exercising all of the other traits?
4. The Bible is full not only of teachings, but also warnings. When we gather together as the church it is a common occurrence to teach each other. Why is it usually much less common that we admonish (warn) one another as well?
 - a. Read Psalm 1. How can the sharing of this Psalm (and others like it) be used as an example of both teaching and admonishment?
 - b. How would you receive it if someone was warning you of your sin? Are you comfortable with approaching a brother or sister in Christ about sin you have observed? How can this be done “with a love which binds everything together in perfect harmony”?
5. Read Colossians 3:15-17. Notice that all three of these verses contain a command to be thankful.
 - a. Remember that this section about Living a Life Redeemed is built upon the fact that we were once alienated and hostile toward God, but the atoning work of Christ on the cross gives us the opportunity for eternal life. Considering this, why did Paul repeatedly tell the church to be thankful?