

METAMORPHOSIS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss how God's work changes our ambition. Discuss what it looks like to put off our worldly ambitions so that we can put on Godly ambition.

ICE BREAKER



When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Colossians 3:1-17

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

(Turn to Colossians in the ESV bible to continue reading verses 9-17)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: God's work changes our ambition.

Key Question: How do we embrace our new ambition?

1. Recognize our spiritual position. (vv. 1-4)
2. Put off worldly ambition. (vv. 5-11)
3. Put on Godly ambition. (vv. 12-17)

DISCUSSION



- How does the world view ambition? How do you view ambition? Discuss the positive and negative aspects of these views.
- In verses 1-4, Paul calls on the church to recognize their spiritual position in relationship to Christ's work. What does it mean to "set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth"? Do we have to put off our ambitions to live a Christian life?
- Paul lists many vices that turn our hearts and minds from Godly ambition in verses 5-11. Which of these vices stand out to you? Why? How can you protect yourself from these worldly ambitions?
- Paul offers a list of virtues in contrast to the list of vices that will turn our hearts to Godly ambition in verses 12-17. Which of these virtues stand out to you? How can you pursue these virtues and make them a part of your Godly ambition?
- Share some of your ambitions with the group. Discuss how you can help each other to align these ambitions with Christ and his gospel.

LIFE APPLICATION



When we recognize that all we do is for the sake of Christ then we can put off our worldly ambitions and put on Godly ambitions. What Godly ambition can you pursue and practically apply in your life this week together as a group?

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


