

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 31, 2022
Life in the Kingdom: Set Your Mind on Things Above

**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**



- **CONNECT** *with each other*
Share how easy or hard it is for you to maintain a consistent time of daily devotion. What do you find helps you do that?
- **GROW** *in Christ*

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3: 1-17

1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
 2. In this passage, the Apostle Paul was writing to the young church in Colossae about living as a Christian, not becoming a Christian. How are you doing with that (verses 5, 8 & 9). What do you do when the Holy Spirit points out some of these earthly natures" in you?
 3. Paul says in verse 2 that we are to "Set our minds on things above , not earthly things". How do we do that? (hint: verse 16).
 4. Since Jesus is the Word made flesh, how does staying in the Word (regular Bible reading) keep us focused on Jesus?
- **SERVE** *others*
 - How might God want you to share this insight with others He puts in your life today?
 - **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**