

Naked and Afraid Pt. 2 Leader Notes

Icebreaker: Share an embarrassing story! Bonus points if it has to do with how you were dressed/clothing.

Review from last week: Passage in Ezekiel tells us that a woman that was left alone, naked and afraid was rescued by the Lord. He clothed her, made her royalty, but then she forgot to thank him for it.

- Go over what stood out to everyone from the sermon

Main scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. **2** Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. **3** For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 And when Christ, who is your[a] life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. **6** Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.[b]

7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. **8** But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. **9** Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. **10** Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. **11** In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile,[c] circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized,[d] slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **13** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. **17** And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Main theme: Although we died to our old life and have been raised with Christ, we play an active part in taking off our old clothes and putting on our new clothes (new life). You have to believe that you were raised with Christ and the old you is dead, now you have joy, health, peace.

The best way to do this is to BE THANKFUL

Possible follow up questions:

Out of the 3 examples of Jesus being thankful, which spoke to you the most and why?

1. Gave thanks to God for always hearing him before he raised Lazarus from the dead.
2. Gave thanks to God before the communion meal even though he was about to be crucified.
3. Gave thanks for the loaves and fish before it was multiplied.

If we're thankful first, other good things will come like peace, joy, forgiveness, patience. **What would come easier to you if you were more thankful?**

Beth's Question: **What would it look like in different areas of our lives if we were truly thankful? (family, work, community, etc.)**