

“Lockdown Lessons”
Bring Peace to Your Home - Colossians 3:12-17
Sermon Questions

INSTRUCTIONS: *Leaders, check out some fun Connection Activity ideas for your group time, which are posted on our Chapel website Small Groups page under “virtual group resources.” We encourage you to come up with your own “introduction” question to begin your group discussion, and to end your group time in prayer.*

Read Colossians 3:12-17. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit as you read through the passage.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let 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. **17** And 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.”

1. Has God been trying to teach you any “lockdown lessons” during this time we are in? How is the peace level in your home at this time? Take some time to talk honestly about what you are feeling and where you are at mentally and emotionally at this time.
2. Take some time to look up the word shalom. What does this word mean and how have you seen this play out in your home these last few weeks (or maybe you’ve seen a lack of shalom)? *Read Colossians 3:8.* Paul gives a list of things we must rid ourselves of. What is your natural inclination when a situation you are in is lacking shalom?
3. *Read Colossians 3:1-4.* How is Paul encouraging us in these verses to see our identity? Is this different from how you view yourself? Take some time to journal about how you see yourself and then after, how God sees you.
4. Pastor Dave said, “If you want to be a maker of peace in your homes, the first thing you need to do is make peace in your own heart. And that peace comes from the perfect love of the Father, that is ours through Christ.” How does knowing this is true change things in your life and in your home?
5. Have you noticed that people you are living with or people you’ve come into contact with react to the stress and chaos of Covid-19 differently? How does that affect your relationship with them? Be Specific. How does our connection with Christ allow us to act differently? *Read Colossians 3:12-14.* What do these verses say we can do to help foster shalom in our homes during this time?