

PUTTING OUR THEOLOGY INTO PRACTICE Colossians 3:1-4

We are called by God to do theology, that is, to live our lives with a moment-by-moment consciousness of God.

-Paul David Tripp

1. Colossians 3:1 **What are believers to pursue?**

- The reality

- The requirement

- The reason

2. Colossians 3:2-3 **What are believers to think?**

- The requirement

- The reality

- The reason

3. Colossians 3:4 **Where is the believers hope?**

- The revelation of Christ

- The revelation of His people

Small Group Homework

I. Getting to Know You

1. This week, tell the group what your worst job was. No whining!

II. Into the Bible

2. Verse 1 of our passage this week commands us to seek the things that are above. Jesus lists some of the other things we might seek here on earth in Matthew 6:25-33. Why does he say we don't need to worry about those things?

3. Verse 2 of the passage commands us to set our minds on things that are above. Paul also writes to the Romans about setting our minds on spiritual things. Read Romans 8:1-11. List some of the things that God did for you that enable you to set your mind on the things of the Spirit.

III. Application

4. How do you gauge the things that you think about? Read Philippians 4:8-9. How do our thoughts relate to our actions?

5. How does your hope of Christ's return affect your current living?

IV. For Families

6. Spend some time this week talking with your children about the word picture that Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Why does it matter to them (and to us)? Here are a few verses that you could read and discuss with them: Acts 2:32-36, Romans 8:31-34, Hebrews 7:26-8:2. Plan to do this over several days—don't hit them with all of this at once!