

WEEK 2 - WHO ARE YOU WEARING TODAY?

Read: Colossians 3:12-17 **OPENING PRAYER:**

God of compassion, in this time together, help us to take off the armor we wear to protect ourselves and to keep others out. Help us, instead, to put on clothes of openness and curiosity so that we can connect with your word and one another through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Quote: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." - Maya Angelou

Starter Question:

What is your favorite item of clothing and why?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

- 1. What does it mean to "clothe yourself" with the virtues Paul lists?
- 2. In this passage, what does Paul identify as the role of the community in shaping who we are? What kinds of activities do we engage in together?
- 3. What does it look like to "teach and admonish..." (v. 16) in light of the compassion, kindness, etc., listed in verse 12?

NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Which feels the most difficult for you: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, or patience?
- 2. If you thought of your life as a clothing metaphor, what does your wardrobe look like?
- 3. How easy is it to forgive? Is there anything you find difficult or impossible to forgive?
- 4. What does it look like for you today to live out compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience?
- 5. What is the biggest factor you consider when you make decisions about what you say and do day-to-day? What, if anything, would be different if gratitude to God was the biggest factor? If you did everything "in the name of Jesus"?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Gracious God, thank you for calling us your chosen people, holy and dearly loved. Help us to clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Let your peace rule in our hearts and your word dwell richly within us. May we live with gratitude, always giving thanks to you in the name of Jesus. Guide us to act in love and unity, reflecting Christ in all we do. In Jesus' name, amen.



Week 1: Who Are You?

Sunday – Romans 12:1-2

Monday - Ephesians 2:10

Tuesday - Psalm 139:13-14

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Thursday – Jeremiah 1:5

Friday - Romans 6:9-14

Saturday - Jeremiah 29:11

Week 2: Who Are You Wearing Today?

Sunday - Colossians 3:12-17

Monday - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Tuesday - Romans 13:14

Wednesday – Ephesians 6:10-18

Thursday - Galatians 3:26-27

Friday - Galatians 5:22-26

Saturday - Revelation 19:6-9

Week 3: Love in Action

Sunday - 1 John 3:16-18

Monday – James 2:14-18

Tuesday – John 13:34-35

Wednesday - James 1:23-25

Thursday – 2 Timothy 1:7

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Saturday – Luke 7:36-50

Week 4: Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving

Sunday - Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

Monday - Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday – Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday – Matthew 13:31-32

Thursday - Matthew 13:44-46

Friday – Isaiah 58:6-12

Saturday - Psalm 40:6-8

