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a study through Colossians

Simple. Holiness Made Simple (Colossians 3:1-17)

1. Describe a time when you showed up somewhere - like an event, a trip, or a celebration - wearing the wrong clothing. (Some examples include: dressing casually for an important business meeting by accident, wearing a t-shirt and shorts to a get together that was actually a formal party, forgetting to wear a costume to a costume party, etc.)
2. How does it feel to be over or under dressed for something? What do your clothes potentially communicate about yourself to others?

Read Colossians 3:1-17

3. What is the difference between true holiness and counterfeit holiness?
4. On a daily basis what does it look like to be 'in Christ'? How will it affect the way I make decisions? How will it affect my relationships with my family and friends?
5. How would you define the new self? What's been different in you since following Jesus? How have your actions also changed?
6. How can we help each other with ongoing temptation? Do you have an accountability partner who will ask the hard questions?
7. What does it look like to put to death the old self and its habits? How have you done this in your own life?
8. How have you experienced the renewing of your mind as a Christian? In what ways are you more like Jesus than when you first believed?
9. In verses 15-17 Paul shares some marks of a thriving church. Dave mentioned four peace, word of God, worship and motivation. Are there others we should note?
10. What evidence do you observe of these marks being seen in CBC?
11. Verse 13 says to forgive others as God has forgiven us. What does it look like to forgive someone? How have you seen forgiveness at work in your life?
12. Using verses 12-14 pray that these qualities will be more and more evident in your life.