

## **Discard the Old. Embrace the New.**

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**Text:** Colossians 3:5-11

### **Don't Forget Who You Are**

- You have \_\_\_\_\_ the old and \_\_\_\_\_ the new.
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
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### **Discard the Old**

- Because you have died, put the \_\_\_\_\_ to death.
- Discard sinful \_\_\_\_\_.
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### **Embrace the New**

- You are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your relationships can be \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching? Why?

- Read Colossians 3:5-17. Suppose there was a business in which everybody behaved in the way described in verses 5-9. Suppose a few miles down the road, there was another business where everybody behaved in the way described in verses 12-17. Which one would you rather work in, and why?\*
- Why do you think some people would prefer to work in a business that is characterized by the description in verses 5-9?\*
- Why do you think Paul focuses on sexual sins and sins of attitude and speech?
- How does wrongdoing in sexuality, attitude, and speech lead to problems for a community as a whole?\*
- How are we supposed to discard the sinful attitudes and actions of our past? Have you found this easy or difficult? Why?
- What role does our new identity in Christ play in our ability to discard the old?
- How does discarding the old and embracing the new lead to our progressive transformation?
- How does this renewal change the way we relate to others?

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\*Taken from *N. T. Wright "For Everyone Bible Study Guides: Colossians and Philemon"* (pp. 35-37).