

**Text:** *Colossians 3:11-14*

**Why Do We Want to Foster a Resurrection Community?**

- God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Must We Do to Foster a Resurrection Community?**

- We must align our lives with the \_\_\_\_\_ work of Christ.
  
- We must live by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Compassion** –
  - **Kindness** –
  - **Humility** –
  - **Gentleness** –
  - **Patience** –
  - **Love** –

**How Can We Achieve a Resurrection Community?**

- By learning to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
  
- By learning to \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord forgave us.

## **Life Enrichment**

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

- On day one of basic training, how does life change for recruits? How are they different when they graduate?
- How is following Jesus similar to military basic training? What changes happen to us in the process of discipleship?
- Why do you think it's important for Christians to foster a community that is completely different than the society we live in? How should our Christian community/church be different from American society? From local culture?
- What does being different from our society and local culture accomplish for the cause of Christ?
- What do you think might happen in a church that emphasizes "putting off" the vices of Colossians 3:5-11 without equally emphasizing "putting on" the virtues of verses 12-14?
- How can we grow in the virtues found in this passage? How can we encourage these virtues to become the norm in the cultures of our families and church?
- Why do you think continuous tolerance and forgiveness are so important to a healthy Christian community? What are you planning on doing to "put up with" and forgive this week?