
LifeNotes Fall 2017

Week of October 22, 2017

Colossians 3:17

Getting Started...

As you pray today and this week, be purposeful in remembering to thank God for *all* things. Pray through 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Getting to Know One Another...

Everybody: share something you are grateful for today.

What is one thing that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon? Why?

Pastor Jack said that in ancient cultures, pagan religious practices were ritual observances that did not cast moral influence over their daily lives and ethics. They were religious but there was no application. How do you think our culture could be summed up? In what ways do we resemble ancient cultures?

How would you respond if someone asked if you were a religious person?

More...

Make a list of all the things you do during the course of a normal day. Rising, showering, eating, driving... make a list of everything.

Read Colossians 3:17

In this passage, Paul is including everything you just listed under the term "**whatever** you do..."

How would you explain the difference between thanking God **IN** everything and thanking God **FOR** everything?

What does it mean to do things in the name of Jesus?

Do you make a difference in your mind or your actions between those things that are “sacred” and those that are “secular”? Explain.

Have you ever been called a hypocrite? Discuss the difference between hypocrisy and being a hypocrite.

How might memorizing Colossians 3:17 help you avoid that in the future?

Have you ever felt spiritually stuck? What did you do to get out of it?

When do you find yourself taking things for granted?

Taking It Home...

Practice being grateful every day this week. Some ideas: Use a visual reminder; write things down; remember the things God has brought you through; watch the language you use.

Daily Readings

Day 1		Leviticus 23:40
Day 2		Matthew 5:16
Day 3		Psalms 34:19
Day 4		James 3:14-17
Day 5		Ephesians 5:15-20
Day 6		1 Chronicles 29:12-14
Day 7		Philippians 4:12