

## Discussion Questions for the week of January 31, 2018



### **BIG IDEA:**

It's a new year and a new Wake. We're looking for new insights for our lives from the Scriptures of old. We want to look to God's Word to see what He calls the church to live out.

### **OVERVIEW:**

Every Dallas middle schooler who has genuinely placed his or her faith in the work of Christ is a part of Christ's team, the church. Colossians 3:12-17 highlights what it looks like to go and be the church. It involves playing for the team, taking in the coach's message and doing everything with the coach in mind.

### **ICE BREAKER:**

If you were to ride into battle on any animal, what animal would you choose and why? What would you choose as your weapon to ride into battle? Why?

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Read Colossians 3:12-17
2. The qualification for being on Christ's team the church is to be a Christian. Can you explain what it means to be a Christian? How does someone become a Christian?
3. Colossians 3:12-14 gives a list of some of the characteristics that everyone on Christ's team, the church should strive to have. Discuss what each piece of "clothing" means and come up with some examples of ways middle schoolers can live them out.
4. Which of the pieces of "clothing" that members of the team should be wearing do you feel like you have the most trouble living out? What are some ways you can do better at living out that one?
5. Verse 15 calls members of the team to "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts". What do you think this means? Share a situation in your life that is robbing you of peace. If there is something robbing you of peace, share it with your group and have members of the group pray for you.
6. Verse 15 also challenges us to be thankful members of the team. Do you think you are a thankful person? Why or why not? What are some ways that you can become a more thankful person?
7. Verse 16 calls us to "let the message of Christ dwell among you richly". Would you say that you read the bible regularly outside of time at church? Why do you think it's important to read the Bible? [Leaders, maybe you can suggest a book of the bible that your group will read through together and check up on them each week? Just a suggestion].
8. Think of and share a time when you said something that hurt someone else's feelings. How could Colossians 3:17 have help you not make the same mistake in the future?
9. Have each member of the group name some things that they are thankful for, and then have them pray to God, thanking him for the things they mentioned.
10. Does doing all the things mentioned in Colossians 3:12-17 keep us on the team? Why does Christ ask us to do all the things mentioned in these verses?
11. When your leader or a pastor says, "Go and be the church", what are they asking you to do?