

Follow Me – Week 4
The Goal of Discipleship
Small Groups – Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

- What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?
- What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Starter:

- What are the biggest challenges for you as you seek to grow in holiness?

Read Colossians 3:1-17

Group Questions:

- What does it mean to have been raised with Christ? (Notice that the verb “raised” is both passive – that is, something done for or to you not by you - and past tense.)
- What does it mean to “set your mind on things above, not on earthly things”?
- In this passage who is putting “to death...” and putting “on the new self”? What does this say about your involvement in growing in holiness? (Compare **Galatians 5:17-24**)
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes greed as idolatry?
- What significant outworking of the gospel does **v. 11** describe?
- Why should disciples of Jesus put on the following: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness?
- How does love “bind everything together” (See **1 Corinthians 13**)?
- How do you “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”? (Notice the parallel between **v. 15** and **v. 16**)
- What key aspect of the Christian life is emphasized in **vv. 15-17**?
- As you live life, making decisions each day, how does **v. 17** help guide you as you make those decisions?

Pray together as a group.