

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **June 26, 2016** sermon, "With Christ Our Lord." Please read the sermon passage (Colossians 3:1-4) together out loud. Today we look at coming "WITH" Christ.

Sermon Outline:

1. **A Christian's focus (1-2)**
 - A. We are heavenly-minded in order to be earthly good.
 - B. We should be actively engaged in this world BECAUSE we are thinking much of the next.
 - C. "If you aim at heaven, you get earth thrown in. If you aim at earth, you get neither." -CS Lewis
2. **A Christian's foundation (3)**
 - A. You have died with Christ. Your sins are fully paid for in Christ's death and resurrection.
 - B. You are accepted based on the finished work of Jesus Christ.
3. **A Christian's future (4)**
 - A. How you live in the present is defined by what you believe about the future.
 - B. Do you believe that . . .
 - i. The reward of heaven is guaranteed to all who trust Christ?
 - ii. Everything you do in Christ's service today has value and significance?
 - iii. You are a full participant in all that Christ has gained by his perfect work?

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We have all heard the adage that "Some Christians are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly use." Why is it that being heavenly minded makes one more useful, intentional and intense about the way they live in this world?
2. Based on #1, above: How can you grow in the area of mature and helpful "heavenly-mindedness"? Do you think about heaven? Do you dwell on the perfections of Christ? How might you grow in this area?
3. Based on #2, above: You are secure as you stand in Jesus Christ. How has your secure standing helped you in being bolder in your witness? In what way have you experienced "dying" to yourself and living to and for Christ?
4. Based on #3, above: Your future home in heaven is guaranteed in Christ. He went to prepare a place for his people. In what ways does this truth speak to your significance in this world today? As you envision your future in heaven, what do you anticipate the most? What will it be like to be fully with Christ?