

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, January 29th, 2017

Obstacles to Movement: Guilt (Colossians 3:1-17)

Sermon Recap: Doug spoke on the obstacle of guilt. A guilty conscious is never done dividing us, from God and each other. Though we feel division from family/friends first, our division from God, due to guilt, has already occurred. But if we confess, give him our guilt, he promises to separate it from us entirely by uniting us with himself and heaven as we meditate on things above.

1. Do you have division with any family/friends? What causes the separation?
2. What ways do you feel the weight of guilt and shame play out in your life?
3. Looking at Col 3:1-4, how does Paul explain the unifying work of Jesus?
4. Read Isaiah 6:1-6. What stands out to you? How is Isaiah atoned for?
5. Read John 1:29. Read Revelation 21:22-27. What is the connection to Isaiah 6 and Col 3?
6. Do you ever struggle with “reaching back into the bag” to take back your guilt? How can you give it to Christ entirely?
7. How do we “keep our minds on heaven and feet on earth” according to the last half of the Col 3 passage? Paul says love is above all, why?
8. Do you have any practical suggestions for how to meditate, keeping our minds on things above?
9. As a group, pray for someone who God might (or already has) put in your life to help move them to heaven.