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WEEK 5

How Did It Go?

Would anyone like to share about how God showed up in the last week?

Read Aloud

Passage for this week: **Colossians 3:15-17**.

Head (15–20 minutes)

OBSERVE THE TEXT AND THE AUTHOR'S MAIN POINTS

- Consider the conditions that make for the “peace of Christ” in v.15. What are those conditions, and why do they matter?
- The author reminds the Colossians (v.1-3) that they have died and risen with Christ, calling them to abandon the practices characteristic of the world by participating in the “new creation” launched through Jesus in the midst of the old. What practices characterize the old world today? Where do you see them, and how do they contrast with the life-giving practices in v.16?
- The phrase “word and deed” encompasses speech and human activity, two primal behaviors necessary for any culture and society. What we call “culture” is a short-hand for everything humans say and do to maintain their world(s) (language, arts, education, medicine, engineering, etc.). What does it mean for the Church to carry out all aspects of life “in the name of the Lord?” What are the implications for the shared life of the Church, our communities, professions, and our relationships?

Heart (15–20 minutes)

ENVISION HOW THE TEXT—WHEN APPLIED—MIGHT TRANSFORM YOUR INNER LIFE IN TERMS OF YOUR THOUGHTS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS

- What are some areas of your life where you struggle to let Christ's peace take reign? How might surrendering to this peace change your thoughts and attitudes?
- How does engaging Scripture, worship, and Christian community impact your life? Are there any changes you feel called to make in your daily life to align more with this scriptural vision?
- In what ways can verse 17 reshape how you approach work, relationships, and personal ambitions?

Hands (10 minutes)

APPLY THE TEXT BY MOVING FROM INWARD REFLECTION TO OUTWARD ACTION LOOKING FOR WAYS TO LIVE THE TEXT OUT IN OUR LIVES TO SERVE OTHERS

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- Identify one specific way you can deepen your personal engagement with God's word this week (e.g., daily Scripture reading, journaling, praying through a Psalm). How will you commit to this?

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Verse 16 emphasizes teaching and encouraging one another with wisdom. Is there someone in your life who could use encouragement or biblical wisdom right now? How can you intentionally build them up this week?