

Sermon-based application and discussion guide – January 31, 2021

*For small groups, family devotion / discussion, or any talks with fellow believers
Use reverse side of this sheet for notes (see also “Sermon Notes for Kids” handout)*

Text: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...” (Colossians 3:16a). Main application points: meditation and conversation

Challenge to let the Word richly dwell in you: Memorize v. 16-17 before next week

Applications mentioned from the book 9Marks of a Healthy Church Member:

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church.
2. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God[in the message] encouraged you?”
3. Encourage others by sharing things you learned about God and his Word during the sermon. Make particular note of how your thinking has changed
4. Don’t let the Sunday sermon become a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications... and prayerfully put them into practice over the coming week
5. With your pastor’s support, establish small groups that review and apply the sermons. Or, use the sermons and your notes as a resource in one-on-one discipleship relationship. I know of several families that have a regular sermon-review time as their evening family devo [a way to apply Deuteronomy 6:7-9]

More specific questions from today’s text you can use for the above:

1. What does it mean for God’s Word to dwell / be at home in you and how does it look?
2. What distractions or substitutes are robbing you the Word being in you richly?
3. Do you have a planned time to read, study, and memorize the Word? If not, or you want accountability or encouragement on how, talk to a mature believer.
4. “This Word will keep you from sin, but sin will keep you from this Word.” As you think of James 1:21 or 1 Peter 2:1-3 (Pastor Corey’s message 2 weeks ago) talk about that dynamic more with someone. If there is a specific sin you haven’t dealt with, talk to the Lord now (and others if needed)
5. When it mentions “teaching and admonishing one another, with all wisdom”, where do you need wisdom for this in your family or church family? How can you pursue this further this week in conversations and speaking truth in love?

For further study, meditation and conversation - related key verses mentioned:

Meditation: Psalm 119:11, 14, 97, 162 (great prayer in v. 18 to help in this). Psalm 1:2, 63:6, Joshua 1:8, Philippians 4:8. ABCs example of attributes of the Lord to meditate to renew mind: Almighty, Beloved Son, Compassionate, etc. (for more help, Psalm 145 lists many attributes)

Conversation: Colossians 1:28, Matthew 28:19, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 4:11, Ephesians 4:11-16 (compare for next week Ephesians 5:18-21 with Colossians 3:16-17)

