Living The Kingdom | Colossians 3:1-17

1. Have a go at defining what 'The Kingdom Of God' is. Is finding a definition any easier after four weeks in this series or is it still a mystery? It's okay, you can honest.

READ: Colossians 3:1-17 (maybe read it several times from different Bible translations)

2. What does it mean to set your mind on things above? How can this perspective impact your daily life?

3. In what sense is our life 'hidden' with Christ in God? How does this assurance influence our understanding of identity?

4. What are the earthly things that Paul advises against? How can we actively put to death and safeguard against these aspects in our lives?

5. How does the transformation process described in these verses 8-10 relate to our new identity in Christ? In what ways can we actively renew our minds?

6. Discuss how the virtues mentioned (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love) align with the character of God's Kingdom.   How can embodying these virtues contribute to the manifestation of the Kingdom in your relationships?

7. Explore the significance of peace (v15) in the Christian life. How can it act as an umpire in our hearts?

8. How does the Word of Christ dwell richly in us? What practices can help us achieve this, individually and as a community?

9. Consider how doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus relates to living out the Kingdom of God on earth. How can your actions and words reflect the glory and values of the Kingdom?

10. Reflect on a specific area of your life. How might applying the principles in Colossians 3:1-17 bring about positive change?

11. Consider how your identity in Christ influences your daily actions and attitudes. Are there areas where you can grow or areas where you've experienced victory?

What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?