

Grace & Government Follow Up Questions

Week 8: Colossians 3:8-14

Renewing in His Image

Regular Follow Up Questions

- 1) What truth about God did your heart most delight in?
- 2) Where did the gospel strengthen you?
- 3) What did the Lord convict you of?
- 4) What was your major application?
- 5) What new things have you learned in trying to live out your application?
- 6) How have your prayers been affected?

Specific Follow Up Questions

- 1) Where does the “old man” (anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language) tend to show up in your life when the conversation turns to politics?
- 2) Have you had moments through this series where those “old man” characteristics started to surface? If so, what topics or points caused that to come about? How did you handle them?
- 3) Were there points in this series where you were tempted to walk by the flesh but were able to put that off and instead walk in the “new man” (chosen, holy, dearly loved, compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient, forgiving, and loving)? If so, what were they, and what did you learn from that experience?
- 4) In Christ, you are chosen, holy, and dearly loved. When you think of yourself, or see yourself in the mirror, is this how you view yourself? If not, how do you see yourself, and what can you do to start putting on the new identity Christ has given to you?
- 5) What are some of the other identities that you more quickly associate with yourself than chosen, holy, and dearly loved? When you operate from those identities, how does it affect your attitude towards political and governmental issues?
- 6) As people dearly loved by God, we are empowered and freed to love others as well – even our enemies! Is there anyone you’ve been challenged to love more deeply through this series? If so, who? How will you go about engaging in that process?
- 7) Putting on our new identity in Christ and living from that identity will keep the church unified and edified, even when our country is not. How will you be personally “putting on” more of Christ?