Paul wrote to Christians in Colossae to help them stand firm in Christ amid teaching that threatened to distract them from him. He emphasised that Jesus is supreme and that believers have everything they need in him. In chapter three, Paul explains how this new life should shape everyday behaviour. Verses 1–4 call believers to focus on Christ because their lives are now united with his. Verses 12–17 describe what this means for life together: compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness and love. The church is one body, shaped by Christ's peace and message. Gathering together provides opportunities to teach, encourage, sing and give thanks, helping disciples grow in faith and honour Jesus in everything they say and do each day.

If you could gather a few people around a table for an evening, what food or activity would you choose to help everyone feel welcome?

Read Colossian 3:1-4 and 12-17

1. In v1–2: What does it mean to set our hearts and minds on things above?

2. How might this shape our priorities when we gather as a church?

3. In v3–4: Paul describes our lives as "hidden with Christ in God". How does belonging to Jesus give us security and unite us with other believers?

4. Before telling believers how to behave, Paul reminds them that they are chosen, holy and dearly loved. What happens if we don't start with these things?

5. Which of these qualities—compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience—do you most appreciate in other people? Which do you need God's help to develop?

6. V13. How can relationships with people who are different from us help us grow as disciples?

7. Why does Paul describe love as holding everything together?

8. How could gathering together more often encourage love for one another?

9. V15; Romans 12:18: What might it look like to let Christ's peace guide our relationships when we disagree?

10. How can we address difficulties honestly while seeking unity?

11. In v15-17, thankfulness, teaching and worship shape how the church gathers together. Is this just for Sunday's or elsewhere too?

12. The early church met together every day. How would you feel about being part of a church that encouraged you to join in some form of gathering each day?

13. In v17: What does doing everything in Jesus' name mean for the way we gather and the way we live afterwards?

Prayer Points

Pray for the Remembrance Service in the Town and as Rev David speaks, pray for the Bereavement Service on Sunday evening.

Around 175 million children are affected by disasters each year, and women and children are up to 14 times more likely to die in disasters. Pray for vulnerable children and women affected: may God protect them from harm, abuse, hunger and fear, and provide safety, shelter and hope.

Sermon Notes

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From the Street to the Table

Gathering Together

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Jesus calls His followers to “make disciples” and to teach them to obey everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Where do you start with someone who is new to the faith? How do we engage with people in the first place? Discipleship is a lifelong process, not something we complete (Philippians 1:6).The goal is to become increasingly like Jesus, growing in love, holiness and maturity (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), while encouraging and helping others to follow Him too. How does that happen in our church? This series maps out a simple understanding for how we make disciples as a church, not just new Christians, but throughout our lives.