

## First Week 9 Study Questions

### Read Colossians 3:18-4:1

As we enter the practical portion of Colossians, remember we live as a result of our position and posture in Christ. If those are not the influences and motivations behind our actions, what other things influence the way we live?

### Read Colossians 3:17

How does this verse guide our understanding of verses 18 through 4:1?

(v. 18-19) How would you describe the submission/love between a husband and wife?

### Read Ephesians 5:21-33

How does this passage refine your answer to the last question?

Back to Colossians, (v. 20-21) How are children called to demonstrate Christ to the world? How does their obedience reflect Christ's work in their lives?

Why would Paul tell fathers (and/or mothers) not to exasperate their children?

If the opposite of discouragement is hope, how can parents instill hope in their children? What hope are we pointing our children toward?

(v. 22-4:1) Why do you think Paul addressed the servant/master relationship? Even in physical bondage, how would Paul's words comfort the servant?

How would verses 23 and 24 impact any task we are given, whether at home, work, church, etc.?

If we try to make relationships all about ourselves, how is that ultimately a burden?

How does the supremacy of Christ change the way we approach our relationships?

APPLICATION: What attitudes or actions in your life need to submit to Christ?