

Sermon Discussion Guide
One Another – Week 4
Out with the Old, In with the New
June 6, 2021

 **Big Idea**

In order to bear with and forgive one another, we must put to death our earthly nature and set our hearts on things above.

 **Icebreaker**

What is something old that you've owned for way too long that you refuse to get rid of?

 **Discussion Questions**

1. Read **Colossians 3:13**. The way we forgive should reflect the way we've been forgiven. What would it look like if God forgave you based on how you forgive others? What does Godly forgiveness look like?
2. Read **Colossians 3:1**. We are called to focus on eternity rather than the temporary. What does it look like to "set your hearts on things above?" What temporary concerns steal your attention away from that?
3. Read **Colossians 3:5-6**. What does it mean to "put to death" the things of our earthly nature? What are the parallels between these verses and verse 3?
4. Read **Colossians 3:7-8**. How do the items on this list impact the way we forgive and bear with one another? If you're willing to share, which do you struggle with the most?
5. Read **Colossians 3:9-12**. You may also want to read **Romans 13:14**. Why is merely putting to death our old ways not enough? How different does your new life look from your old life?

 **Concluding Questions**

Read **Colossians 3:13** again. What does the context of the rest of this chapter teach us about this verse? Who is someone you need to forgive?

 **Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 **Prayer**

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Death to our old earthly ways
- Clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience
- Forgiving others
- Keeping an eternal perspective