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What does it take to be “Safe” People? (Colossians 3:12-17)

1. Safe People know how much God loves them

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy, and dearly loved... (vs. 12)

Because of God’s love we have nothing to prove.

2. Safe People allow God’s love to form their thoughts and attitudes

“...clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (vs. 12)

We should think of others the same way God thinks of us.

3. Safe People handle conflict with kindness and grace

“Bear with each other...forgive each other...you were called to peace” (vs. 13-15)

When we understand God’s grace for us we can extend grace to others

4. Safe People watch out for other’s personal and spiritual welfare

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom... (vs. 16)

We watch out for each other by:

- Helping each other grow
- Redirecting each other as needed
- Encouraging each other

5. Safe People put Jesus first

“And whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (vs. 17)

When we put Jesus first, we can rest and feel safe.

Next Steps

- I’ll host a 50 Days of Transformation Group.
- I’ll join a LifeGroup this week.
- I’ll attend or invite a friend to Celebrate Recovery on Friday, September 5th.
- I’m committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I’m re-committing to follow Jesus today.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet for a portion of the break.

1. **READ Colossians 3:1-4.** How is setting your heart and mind on Christ related to what He has already done for us (vs. 1)? To what He will do for us (vs. 4)?
2. **READ Colossians 3:5-17.** Compare and contrast the “clothes” of the earthly nature with those of God’s chosen people.

3. What are some challenges we have in taking off the “old clothes” of the earthly nature and putting on the “new clothes” of Christ-like character? What are some ways it is possible to do this?
4. How can living in the earthly nature make relationships an “unsafe” place? Any personal examples?
5. How can living “as God’s chosen people” (verses 12-17) make relationships a “safe” place? Any personal examples?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.