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Colossians 3:22-25

Talk it over…with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

Read Colossians 3:22-4:1

(Remember: Paul was facing a major dilemma as he wrote this. He lived in a society that was built on inequality - slaves and masters, rich and poor, Jews and Gentiles, etc. He clearly believed that all people were equal under Christ.)

How does Paul change the focus of what they (slaves) are doing? What is the impact of this change in mindset? How do you think it would impact someone in this role?

What are slaves "set free" from in this passage?

Read Philemon 17-22. What does this passage tell us about Paul's heart in regard to slavery?

Can one solve problems on a horizontal or human level without dealing with the vertical (relationship with God)? What do you think was Paul's position on this question?

How was Paul being a revolutionary? What would bring the revolutions about?

Does the fact that Paul did not speak out against slavery as an institution give us license to do nothing as we see injustice?

What do masters and slaves have in common? What are the implications of this? Do these verses apply to our work environments?