

Experience, Embrace, Engage

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Let's Study

Take turns sharing **one word** that comes to mind when you think of Jesus Christ. Keep going until you can't think of anything else. (You might have to stop for the sake of time!)

Read Colossians 1:28-29

28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. **29** To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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Who and What Believers Proclaim

1. Who is the one we proclaim and why?
2. How does *who/what we proclaim* differ from the message from different religions, philosophies, and worldviews? Share 1 or 2 examples with the group.

Our 3 Imperatives to a Healthy Christian Life

3. At The Peoples Church, we desire that people would 1) *Experience Christ*, 2) *Embrace Community*, 3) *Engage Globally*. Of the three, which have you grown in this past year, and which needs more development in your life? Take turns sharing.

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4. Following Christ is all about relationships—with God, and with each other. What attitudes and practices can we introduce into our lives (or continue) to strengthen our relationships with God and each other?

Read Colossians 3:8-13

5. As we respond to Christ's invitation to embrace community, what negative practices and sins does this Scripture challenge us to get rid of?
6. What healthy practices does this Scripture admonish us to put on, practice, and embrace?

Let's Pray

- Pray that God would continue to empower us to proclaim Christ in our respective vocations and callings. Pray the same for our church and churches across the city of Toronto.
- Pray for God's grace in putting off sins and habits that quench community and forgiveness.
- If there is anyone you have had difficulty forgiving, pray for God's help in releasing that individual.