"In Christ" | In Christ in Peace Colossians 3:12-17

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of March 19th, 2023

OVERVIEW

Clothe yourselves with love and forgive one another, as Jesus has forgiven you. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be filled with gratitude.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What instruments did you learn to play growing up? **Or** What was one of your most memorable concerts?

Activity: Write a simple song by using a Scripture passage as a foundation.

PRAYER

Pray in groups of 3-4: Pray that you may bear with each other and forgive one another as Christ has forgiven you.

Pray in a large group: Pray for peace and thanksgiving to fill your heart and mind.

BIBLE: READ COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

1. In verse 12, what virtues does God seek in us?
2. Why do you think Paul hones in on "forgiving one another" after the five virtues in verse 12?
3. What is the breadth/depth of Christ's forgiveness? How does his forgiveness model how we are to forgive one another? What are the challenges of forgiveness?
4. Why did Paul call on the believers to be peaceful and thankful?
5. When or how have you unnecessarily disrupted the peace of Christ in His body? What could you have done differently?
6. How does love truly bind together all the virtues listed in 3:12?
7. Verse 16 challenges us to let Christ's message "rule in your hearts" – becoming so deeply implanted within us as that it takes control all our thinking. How does one foster the indwelling of the Word of Christ?
8. How many times is "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" found in today's passage? Are you a grateful and thankful person? What would help you cultivate a thankful spirit in your life?

APPLICATION

1. Share two things that you are thankful for towards members of your Ohana Group (or family) and show your appreciation to one another.
2. The message of Christ is shared with one another through "psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit." Share a favorite hymn, worship song, or psalm with members of your Ohana Group this week to bless and encourage them.
3. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed…" This little verse sums up in a nutshell what the Christian's life should look like. Is "everything" you do for Jesus and in his name? Practically, how can you live out verse 17? Make a list of ten things you regularly do. How can you refocus these on Christ and his glory?