BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS PUT SINFUL DESIRES TO DEATH

Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Jude 1:16; Psalm 37:4

BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:5

"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

BIG IDEAS

- Lust must die.
- Covetousness must die.
- Idolatry must die.

BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 3:5-7

KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- They exist for God's glory
- The life of a Jesus follower is a life of constantly pursuing being more like Christ.



Every student should feel...

- A deep love for God's Word.
- Humbled that God would use us to make Him known.



Every student should strive to...

- Spend time each day studying God's Word and letting it shape their thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- Flee temptation and strive to "put off" sinful desires, thoughts, and actions.



Every student should want...

- To have a healthy fear of the Lord that leads them to walk in His wisdom.
- To pursue Christlikeness in their attitudes, desires, thoughts, and actions.
- To walk in and model a life of purity because God is pure.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider our sinful desires and how to put them to death. We will pray for repentant hearts to identify our idols and remove them. We will practice putting to death the sinful desires in our hearts.

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Read and meditate on Colossians 3:5-7 this week.

- As you ponder these verses, consider the evil desires in your own heart. In what ways do you struggle with lust? How do you discipline yourself to pursue purity and holiness? How can you put to death covetousness in your life? What idols do you have in your heart?
- Ponder your personal pursuit of purity. Do you seek daily to live a pure life before God? How can you establish disciplines to help you pursue purity and seek to be holy as God is holy? How does the truth that God is perfectly pure lead you to pursue holiness?



Set aside time to pray every day this week.

- When you pray, pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to help you identify any idols in your heart. Pray for a truly repentant heart. Pray for a heart that desires to pursue purity and holiness.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. Pray that you would pursue purity daily. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you have a healthy fear of the Lord because He is perfectly pure.



Spend time evaluating your heart.

- Identify the idols in your heart and write them down. Identify any feelings of lust or covetousness that you have and write them down. Look up Scripture that speaks to idolatry and covetousness. Choose one or two verses to memorize this week.
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader some of the idols and feelings of lust and covetousness you identified. Discuss disciplines that you can establish to help you put to death evil desires and live a holy life.