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## **PRAYER**

Lord, turn our desires towards you. We know you grant us the gift of salvation, which is received by undeserved grace through faith. We thank you that grace is available to us today should we desire to take it! Forgive us, Lord, for turning our attention and affections to much smaller gods, rather than pouring our love out in worship towards you. You are the only one who deserves our all. The precious name of Jesus is worthy of our desires, and we give them to you today. Amen.



As a child, what was one thing you wanted more than anything else?

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<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**COLOSSIANS 3:12-17** 

Paul the Apostle spends this part of his letter to the church at Colossae encouraging them towards putting off old vices, and putting on the love of Jesus (vs 14) as a source of binding all of this together. After all, we become and are imaged after what we love the most.

It is out of this love that life flows out. Whatever our vision is of the "Good Life", it becomes the direction that the compasses of our hearts are pulled towards. In other words, worship flows out of our desire.

## **■** GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. Describe what a good life looks like to you.
- 2. On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate your life being lived out according to your description of a good life?
- 3. Have you received Christ's forgiveness for you? If so, how has it guided you towards forgiveness and compassion towards those who may have wronged you?
- 4. Do you love to worship God? Is he your desire? If so, how do you worship God on a regular basis? If not, what is your number one desire?

5. If you do not yet have a relationship with God, and you would like to follow him, would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer with them:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

