

## Colossians 3 - Two Truths and a Greater Truth - Sermon Study Questions

1. Where have you seen or experienced God in the last week? Where do you need God to show up this week?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-17. Share your favourite verse in this passage, and explain what it means to you.
3. Rob focused in his sermon on the theme of thanksgiving, in Col. 3:15-17, and elsewhere in scripture (because it was Thanksgiving weekend). “Be thankful, with gratitude, and giving thanks” are all tagged onto the last part of verses 15-17. What’s the over-all message about thankfulness, then, from these verses?
4. Truth #1 (from the sermon) - We should give thanks because we are so blessed. Rob suggested that merely focusing on our blessings from God can sometimes lead to feelings of entitlement, discontent, and even depression. You can discuss whether or not you agree or disagree, but beyond that, do you think there is a ‘right way’ to be thankful for blessings that leads to joy, not discontentment?
5. Truth #2 - We should be thankful because being grateful leads to a whole bunch of good things, including greater happiness and holiness. Can you think of examples of this in your own life, or others you know?
6. What are some problems with an over-emphasis on ‘being thankful in order to be blessed’ (with happiness or holiness or....), or obeying God in any way in order to be blessed?
7. Rob said the greatest truth comes from Colossians 3:1 and 12, and everything else flows from that base. So what is the greatest truth, or blessing, that we should be thankful for?
8. What do you think about Rob’s theological position that, according to the Bible, our greatest longing and need is to be reconciled to God and be in a close relationship with God?
9. What are some ways that living every day with a thirst to know and experience God personally - and profound thankfulness that through Christ we can and do - might change our lives?
10. Share one highlight, or question, or action step from Colossians 3, or about the topic of thankfulness.