

COLOSSIANS

A STUDY THROUGH PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

WEEK 8

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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Fathom Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who submit to the Word of God, respond in the worship of God, live in the community of God, and join on the Mission of God. This study guide should be used the week preceding the sermon it supplements. It is primarily intended to be used in a Fathom Church Discipleship Group. For more information about Fathom Discipleship Groups please visit <http://fathomchurch.org/groups/>

MAIN TEXT: Colossians 3:18-4:1

WORD OF GOD: *What is this text saying?*

1. Verses 23-24 are the crux of this text. In light of those verses, how do you see the commands for wives, husbands, children, fathers, slaves, and masters?
2. Why does this text rub some of us the wrong way...or maybe in the right way?

WORSHIP OF GOD: *How does this text affect my relationship with God?*

1. What does this orderly rules for Christian households teach us about God's relationship with us?
2. What do you think your life would look like if you took seriously the command to "work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (v.23)?

COMMUNITY OF GOD: *How does this text affect our relationships with each other?*

1. How does this section play itself out in our church communities?
2. Why do we often seek to be people-pleasers, rather than serving the Lord Christ?

MISSION OF GOD: *What action steps are needed in response to this text?*

1. Does this slaves and masters section have anything to do with our occupations/work life in our context?
2. If so, how do you interpret the exhortation from Paul?

