

Colossians 3:15-4:1 Discussion Questions

- If someone observed your life for a week, what evidence would they see that Christ is Lord over your life?
- Paul says, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” What does it mean for Christ’s peace to “rule” rather than simply be something we occasionally experience?
- Wesley emphasized that Christ’s peace is something He accomplished for us, not something we create. How does remembering our reconciliation with God help us pursue reconciliation with others?
- What is the difference between biblical peace and simply avoiding conflict?
- Have you ever been more concerned with being right than being reconciled? What happened, and what did you learn?
- What does it look like practically for the word of Christ to “dwell in you richly,” not just occasionally?
- Wesley said, “There is no Jesus compartment.” In what areas of life are Christians most tempted to keep Christ at arm’s length?
- Have you ever wanted the fruit of spiritual maturity without investing in the roots that produce it? What might those roots look like in your life?
- Wesley observed that emotions are good servants but terrible lords. What are some examples of emotions trying to rule our decisions rather than Christ’s Word?
- According to verse 16, every Christian should be involved in teaching and admonishing one another. What opportunities do you have to encourage or disciple others?
- Wesley described singing as “portable theology.” How have songs helped you remember or apply biblical truth during difficult seasons?

- Verse 17 says to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. How would your week look different if you consciously asked, “Can I do this in Jesus’ name?”
- Authority is often viewed negatively in our culture. Why is it important to distinguish between God’s good design for authority and the sinful abuse of authority?
- What do the household instructions in this passage teach us about Christ’s concern for ordinary, everyday life?
- In the workplace context, what does it mean to “work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men”?
- Wesley said that our heavenly inheritance should matter far more than earthly recognition. Where are you most tempted to seek human approval, and how does the promise of your inheritance in Christ challenge that?
- Which of the three sermon points do you most need this week?
(Christ’s peace ruling your relationships, Christ’s Word shaping your life, Christ’s lordship transforming your responsibilities)