

now what?



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## Week Two | Who Matters Most | 08.01-02.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** It can be much easier to write people off as a problem rather than remembering how much they still matter to God, and how we are uniquely positioned to “bear with” them (with healthy boundaries), even when it’s not our natural bent.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What was an annoying nickname you had as a kid?
- Digging Deeper: What happens in relationships when we allow the small annoyances to continue eating away at us?

### » Observation | Read Colossians 3:12-17

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | **People are the point, not the problem.**

(12 minutes)

- If people are the point, who in your life can you make a priority this week? Even if it’s not a get together, how can you serve them or extend this life-giving picture of relationship with them?

### » Wearing Life | Reference Colossians 3:12-13

(12 minutes)

- What is your response when someone deserves punishment or retribution? What might it look like to extend meekness instead?
- Who do you need to change your attitude about this week and what will it take?

### » Sharing Love | Reference Colossians 3:14-15

(12 minutes)

- Why do you think love is so important to bind things together and create unity?
- What does it mean to be available for others?

### » Holding Truth | Reference Colossians 3:16-17

(12 minutes)

- What habits of truth, teaching, worship and community need special attention in your life as we continue to face challenges this year?
- How can you shift your priorities to make sure you remember that people are the point, not the problem?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Paul talked to us last week about pointing things to death, what has been the hardest area to consider that for in your life?
- In the list this week, what are the most challenging things to put on in your identity and life in Jesus?
- Close by praying for each other to take time this week to ask God to help them as they work to change attitudes toward others.