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## Essential Jesus for Unsettled Days – Dress for Success

### Colossians 3:12-17

**Summary: Colossians 3 contrasts the old way of living with its vices and sins and a Kingdom way. It commands the believer to put off that way of living and gives a detailed portrait. Next, we are reminded of who we are in Christ and then given the Kingdom style that matches “the who” we have become.**

**Scripture – Colossians 3:12-17; Mathew 3:17; Proverbs 4:23; 1 Corinthians 13:4**

### Community Group Questions

#### Introduction

- “We get our lives destroyed by living in the pig-pen.” Why do we return to the mire?
- Your identity in Christ Jesus: chosen, holy, beloved. How does this change your mindset

#### Who Before Do (Col. 3:12a)

- Why is it important to know who you are in Christ before engaging in works?
- “If you believe a lie, you will start living a lie.” What are some of the lies we believe and what are their counterpart truths?
- God’s not in love with a future version of you. Discuss.

#### The Do (Col. 3:12b-14)

- What does it mean to put on “the coat of kindness?” Why is kindness so powerful?
- “Humility isn’t thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.”
- “Meekness doesn’t equal weakness.” What does it mean to “handle people with care?”
- What things make you impatient?
- How can reminding myself of what Jesus has done for me help in dealing with others?  
How can seeing myself in their faults help me be forgiving?
- “Love is the thread that sews all the ‘Kingdom clothes’ together.”
- How does love sew the ‘Kingdom clothes’ (humility, patience, etc.) together?

#### The Results (Col. 3:15-17)

- What does it mean to “let the peace of God rule in your hearts?”
- What does it mean to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly?”
- “The only Bible most people read is you.”