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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SMALL GROUPS

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today’s text:

**Date: 10/31/2021 – “Love and Thanksgiving” (1 Cor. 13 & Col. 3:12-17)**

**Outline:**

**Loving and Thanksgiving - Motivations**

**Living in Thanksgiving - Applications**

1. Based on what we’ve been learning in 1 Corinthians 13 so far, how do feelings factor into the biblical command to “love one another”? How might we grow in “feelings of love”? (see 13:6)

2. In this season of “Thanksgiving”, how does giving thanks assist growing in love? Take a look at Colossians 3:12-17, and note the places where love and thanks are mentioned. According to the sermon, how do the phrases in 1 Corinthians 13 get “strength from our thanks”? (Note love in v. 14 and how it leads to thanksgiving in v. 15, 16, 17)

3. How does the clothing illustration (“put on” in Col. 3:12) help us think about how the Lord helps us to grow in love for one another and in giving thanks? How can we help one another with this illustration in small groups, sharing prayer requests, struggles with sin, etc?