

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Mortified” (pt. 1) – 03.15.2015

**Scripture:** Colossians 2:16 - 3:4

**Bottom Line:** Man-Made rules may change our behavior, but the Gospel of Jesus is what changes our hearts.

## INTRODUCTION

Begin your group with a fun ice-breaker question! Pastor Rob shared a really embarrassing story about “screaming” on a plane. Ask your group to share their most embarrassing moment with the rest of the group.

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

### Read Colossians 2:16-23

Paul is dealing with Christians who were adding to the gospel (saved by grace through faith in Jesus) in order to change their behavior.

- 1) Why is adding to the gospel dangerous?
- 2) Where have you struggled with adding certain rules to your Christian walk? What were the results (depression, pride)?

### Read Colossians 3:1-4

Paul doesn't point these Christians to more rules or lists. Rather, Paul points them to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The solution for our sin problem is Jesus. He has already defeated sin for us on our behalf?

- 1) Do you struggle believing God's love for you is real?
- 2) How does Jesus's death and resurrection impact your daily life?

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) How do you overcome persistent sin in your life? (Dwell on the Gospel, confess to God, confess to others, walk in gospel community, etc.)
- 2) How does the death and resurrection of Jesus change the way we overcome sin?