

## Rooted and Built Up—Set Your Sights

### Study Questions

#### Colossians 3:1-4

##### Warm-up

1) What is your favorite game or sport to participate in? What do you like about it?

What's most important to you while you're participating?

(Common answers include combinations of things like winning, having fun, comradery, following the rules, ...)

##### A little deeper

2) [Colossians 3:1-2] While most translations of these verses talk about focusing our minds on heavenly things, some also mention setting our hearts or affections on them as well. **What do you think the relationship is between the focus of our mind and the desires of our hearts?**

**What can happen to the heart of someone who constantly sees commercials, news, or other messages focused on earthly concerns?**

**How does a heavenly perspective affect a person's heart?**

3) [Colossians 3:3] In what ways can we say we have died?

In what ways have we become hidden in Christ (and who are we hidden from)?

How can sharing a heavenly perspective with someone help them to discover what is hidden?

4) [Colossians 3:4] This verse says that when Jesus appears again, we'll be there with Him in His glory. **What does it mean that we will also appear with Jesus in His glory?**

**How does this knowledge help us keep a heavenly focus, rather than an earthly one?**

**How can our own sense of identity (who we think we are) get in the way of keeping a heavenly perspective?**

##### Bringing it home

5) Is there some way in which you are holding onto earthly perspectives? For example, is there something in life you're trying to "win" on your own, without involving God much?

**How might you shift to a heavenly perspective in this area?**

6) Sometimes our focus isn't on our own success, but on jealousy for the success or good fortune of others (possibly mixed with a sense of inadequacy). **What can bring you to feelings of jealousy or inadequacy?**

You are a beloved child of God, saved by Jesus, and you don't need what others have in order to participate in His glory. **When unproductive feelings and thoughts arise, how can you refocus on your identity in Christ, and bring His light to those around you who so desperately need it?**

##### Reflection and Prayer

7) Spend time in prayer, focusing on the Kingdom of Heaven. Consider saying The Lord's Prayer together at the beginning or when there is a natural break in the prayer.