

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

July 11, 2021

*Bringing Jesus Home*

Colossians 3:18-4:18

### **Responses & Reactions**

- Did anything in this week's message make you uncomfortable? If so, what and why?

### **Digging Deeper**

- 1 Peter 2:3 contains another "household code" similar to what we find from Paul in Colossians. *Read 1 Peter 2:11-3:2*. What are the specific reasons Peter gives for the kind of behavior he is recommending? (Note: Pay special attention to 2:12 and 3:1)

### **Bringing it Home**

- In Colossians 4:1 Paul calls for the practice of justice and fairness by Christians—specifically those in a position of cultural power. The word "fairness" means "equity" and is used elsewhere in the New Testament to describe how the early church shared their possessions with each other. What do you think it would look like for the church today to practice justice and equity with each other, even when the rest of the world does not? What is a practice of justice and equity we could adopt together as a Christian community?
- What does it look like in 2021 to follow the example of Jesus in...
  - (a) your marriage, or other closest relationship?
  - (b) relationships with those of a different race or socio-economic status?

What does the example of Jesus call us to?