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God does not simply feed us to make us full. He feeds us to flourish together in Christ.

Ephesians 4:13



Fed by Truth. Formed Together. Fueled for Mission.

A SERMON SERIES ON DISCIPLESHIP THAT GROWS

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- COLOSSIANS 3:16

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Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON NOTES

Where Does the Good Life Grow?

- Everyone wants to flourish, but Scripture radically relocates where true flourishing is found: not by looking deeper inside ourselves, but only by being rooted in Christ.
- We don't flourish by becoming whatever we want to be, but by becoming who God created and redeemed us to be.

Put on Christ – vv. 12-14

- Paul begins with our identity: we are God's chosen, holy, and beloved people. We do not put on Christlike character to earn that identity; we put it on because Christ has already given it to us.
- Identity informs activity...character compels conduct.
- The wardrobe of our new identity is the character of Christ: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love.
- These characteristics must become visible in our relationships. Because Christ has treated us differently, we learn to treat one another differently.

Keep Putting on Christ – vv. 15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule: when pride, resentment, or anger demands the deciding voice, Christ's peace must govern how we live together.

Let the word of Christ dwell richly: Christ's Word takes up residence in us, shaping what we believe, how we think, what we desire, and how we speak to one another.

Let the name of Christ encompass everything: "Whatever you do" leaves no part of life outside the lordship of Christ.

A flourishing life is increasingly governed by Christ, inhabited by Christ, and encompassed by Christ.

Fed to Flourish

- We don't flourish merely by starving the old life. We flourish by continually feeding the new life we have been given in Christ.
- We are fed so that, together, we grow into the people Christ redeemed us to be.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD'S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Five minutes. One passage. With God.

- **Monday: Clothed in Christ**

Read: Romans 13:11-14

Reflect: What would it mean for me to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" in the ordinary choices and relationships of my life?

- **Tuesday: The Character of Christ**

Read: Philippians 2:1-8

Reflect: What attitudes and actions in this passage reveal the character of Christ that should become steadily visible in me?

- **Wednesday: Forgiven People Forgive**

Read: Ephesians 4:25-32

Reflect: How should remembering the way God treated me in Christ change the way I respond when others hurt, disappoint, or frustrate me?

- **Thursday: Let Christ's Peace Rule**

Read: Ephesians 2:13-22

Reflect: What has Christ done to make peace among His people, and how should His peace shape the way we live together?

- **Friday: Let the Word Dwell Richly**

Read: Psalm 119:97-105

Reflect: What happens when God's Word becomes more than something I occasionally read and instead gradually shapes the way I think and walk?

- **Saturday: A Life of Thanksgiving**

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Reflect: What practices in this passage cultivate a life shaped by gratitude, holiness, and attentiveness to God?

- **Sunday: Fact Checking the Faith**

Read: Acts 17:10-15

Reflect: What do the Bereans teach me about receiving God's Word eagerly while also examining the Scriptures carefully for myself?