

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 8/2/20

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:12-17

LESSON: Following Jesus in a Cancel Culture

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.

- Have you heard of “cancel culture”? How would you explain it in your own words? Where have you seen examples of cancel culture among your friends, in movies, books, tv or on social media?
- **Read Colosians 3:12.** What does it look like to be “clothed in compassion” when others do things that hurt us?
- **Read Colossians 3:13.** This verse says that we should forgive because we have been forgiven.
 - What are all the different things Jesus has forgiven you for in your life?
 - How does knowing all that you have been forgiven by God change the way you view forgiving others?
- **Read Colossians 3:13-14.** Think of times in your life when you have been hurt by someone else sinning against you, not meeting your expectations or having a misunderstanding?
 - Have you fully forgiven those people? What would it look like in each of those situations to love those people and forgive them or ask for forgiveness?