



Christ Over All: Week 8

Read **Colossians 3:18-4:1** and discuss the following.

- Does this passage make you feel uncomfortable? If so, why?
- What submissive roles or aspects of submission do you find most difficult?
- How can you make submission a joy for yourself and others? Explain.
- List some common ways that parents provoke and discourage their children. Now think of some tangible ways that parents can encourage their children in the faith. **NOTE: If you have some older children available, you might invite them to participate in this part of the discussion.**
- What's the difference between obeying "by way of eye-service" and obeying "with sincerity of heart" (v.22)?
- How would personally applying v.23-24 transform one's work ethic and attitude? According to Paul what should motivate this kind of approach?
- Jesus Christ's Lordship is referenced 7 times in these 9 verses. Consider how this informs each of the various roles and relationships mentioned in the passage.
- How does knowledge of your heavenly Father impact the way you parent? How should being the Bride of Christ impact Christian marriages? How ought having a "Master in heaven" affect the way we treat those with whom we work?
- How does this passage of Scripture most comfort and/or convict you personally?