

What Sets You Apart?

As you gather together to hear and apply God's Word, start by sharing how you were influenced by the previous study since your group last met. Use the following questions for review.

D Debrief & Interpret

- How did you apply the previous Scripture study?
- What did you learn about God as you applied the Word? What did you learn about yourself?

H Hear the Word

How does a Christian nurse differ from any other nurse? After all, we learn and practice the same skills in nursing school. Let's look at the Book of Colossians for insights on what makes followers of Jesus unique.

[Read Colossians 3:1-15:](#)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator... ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Discuss:

- What do you think it means to "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things?" (v.2)
- Create a two-column chart together. For the first column, make a list of all the things in this passage followers of Jesus are supposed to "put to death" (v.5). In the second column, name a corresponding action/thought that nurses or nursing students may engage in. For example: Slander – spreading hurtful gossip about fellow nurse employee. (*Depending on time, you could complete only a few rows of the chart.*)
- Create a second two-column chart. For the first column, make a list of all things in this passage followers of Jesus are supposed to "clothe" themselves with (v.12). In the second column, name a corresponding action/thought that nurses or nursing students may engage in.

R Respond Actively

As you end your study, choose one or both of the options below to apply the Scripture to your life this week.

- *Internal:* What is one concrete way that you can regularly remind yourself to "set your mind on things above" in nursing school this week? Make a plan and put it into action.
- *External:* Look over the two-column charts you created. Ask each person to pick 1-2 actions either to abstain from ("put to death") or to engage in ("clothe yourself") this week in their classes and clinicals.

