

Family Devotional

Read: Colossians 3:1-4, 7-17

From August 27, 2017

Reflect: What types of actions does verse 8-9 say are part of the old self that we should take off? Can you think of other actions/attitudes that could go on this list? Write all the response on slips of paper or index cards

What types of actions does verse 12-15 say are part of the new self that we should put on? Can you think of other actions/attitudes that could go on this list? Write all the response on slips of paper or index cards

Play: Now shuffle the two stacks of cards together, and depending on the age of your group, play one of the following games.

- Flip the cards over one at a time, as a group, decide if they are an old or new self-response.
- Make two of each card and play “Go Fish” or “Memory”.
- Play “Spoons”. Put 1 less spoon than the number of people playing in the middle of the group. Give each person 3 or 4 cards to start with. You want to have enough cards left for people to choose from. Then, give one person the rest of the deck. They will start by drawing one card from the deck and either passing it on or replacing it with one of the cards from their hand. They pass the discarded one to the next person face down. The second person does the same, so the cards go all the way around the circle. Keep doing this until one person has a hand of all “new self” or “old self” cards. The first one to have a completed hand, grabs a spoon then everyone else is free to grab the remaining spoons. The last person left without a spoon is out. You repeat the process with the remaining players until there is only one player left holding the spoon!

All of these games require choosing what you are going to take, and what you are going to leave. We have that same choice in life

The best news is, God isn't asking us to be perfect in our own strength. He is the one that makes us a new creation, but we are not robots. Thus, to become a new creation we must take an active role, allowing God to change us and make choices that are in line with what Christ desires.

What are some ways you can allow God to make you a new creation this week?

Remember: As a family work on memorizing/mediate on 2 Corinthians 5:17 this week.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!”

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: “Dear Jesus, thank you for being patient with us and forgiving me when I act out of my old self! Help us put on the new self, and allow you to make us a new creation.....
Amen