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Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

Youth Sunday
Big Idea: Inside Out
Verses: Colossians

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
(Colossians 3:1)

Being Raised with Christ:

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the Gospel. This is the Gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. (Colossians 1:21-23)

...having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (Colossians 1:12)

Being raised in Christ sets you free to “Relentlessly Pursue Heaven.”
(John Piper)

Set your Hearts on things Above:

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.” Seek. This is the pathway to the mindset shaped by the things above. Seek them. Pursue them. Chase them. Track them down. Seize them. Hold onto them. Gaze at them. Dig into them. Understand them. Taste them. Savor them. Treasure them.”
(Men of the Round Table Notes)*

Set your Mind on things Above:

This “set” is in the command voice. You must make a choice to act. You must control and focus your mind on that which GOD has deemed important. (Men of the Round Table)

Application:

Identify your Idols (allow the Gospel to clean the inside):

Flee from Idolatry:

HOME GROUP questions for Inside Out/Colossians ...

1. When we accept Christ in our lives, we are now free to “Relentlessly Pursue Heaven.” What does that mean to you? What idols/sins are you going to have to let go of?
2. Setting our hearts on things above requires us to seek the Lord. How are you seeking the Lord? Does your seeking turn into deep affection for the Lord?
3. Does the love of Christ inside of you pour out of your life? How is Christ being reflected in your life?