**Campus Lutheran Church**

**Senior High Sunday School**

**September 13, 2015**

**Topic: Parental Expectations**

Source: Content based heavily on the “Serendipity Bible” New International Version

Opening Questions

* In what ways have your parents embarrassed you in the past?
* Whom do you admire for their accomplishments?

Read Matthew 20-28

1. Why do you think James’ and John’s mother made this request?
2. Who are you most embarrassed for in this study?
3. What was Jesus saying by his response in verse 22?
4. What kinds of things did your parents expect you to do when you were young?
5. Are you living up to your family’s expectations now?
6. When you have a difference of opinion with your parents over expectations what do you do?
7. In what area of your life do you think you could be more of a servant?

Read Colossians 3:1 to 4:1

The book of Colossians was written by the Apostle Paul in the decade of the 60’s AD. Colosse was a town about 100 miles east of Ephesus. Paul is thought to have written this letter because this newly founded church had certain false teachers who were combining teachings from different religions to come up with something new, a “fuller” spiritual experience. Through this letter, Paul relates the sovereignty of Jesus as Lord of the universe and provides denotes the characteristics of true spirituality.

1. In shopping for clothes do you want specific brands, styles, or other factors? Why do you care about this?
2. According to versus 1-4, how are we to grow in our spiritual life?
3. What things don’t lead to spiritual growth (see chapter 2, versus 16-23)?
4. How does setting your heart and mind on Christ related to what he has already done for us and what he will do for us?
5. How much contrast is there between the “clothes of the earthly nature” and those of God’s chosen people? How difficult is it to move from one to the other?
6. What practical difference does this “new clothing” make in the relationship between parents and children?
7. What confirms that all of these relationships are to be built around Christ?
8. Is the person described in versus 12-17 calm, cool and self-controlled but also lavish in their love for others?

**Application**

Discuss at least three ways this topic applies to your life.

Is there anything in this topic that would motivate a change in behavior?  
  
Does this topic seem out of touch with the world?