

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

Life Groups Discussion Guide

As the discussion leader, there are several things to keep in mind for your Life Group.

- Pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of your group members for the discussion prior to their arrival.
- Review your notes from the Sunday sermon and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting.
- Encourage your group members to open up. People will challenge and strengthen each other when they are truly open and conversation remains confidential.

Text:

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:17-24, ESV)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite shirt you own?
2. What happens when people don't change their moral clothing?
3. What are some behavioral symptoms you have seen in those who have hardened hearts?
4. Read Col. 3:8-10. How do you think God views people who call themselves Christians but possess some of the characteristics described in these verses?
5. Do you know people who think they are saved but don't have the fruit to show it? How do you reach out to people like that?
6. What safeguards do you have in place in order to prevent living as Col. 3:8-10 describes?

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God would help the group members remain strong against sin and continue to grow in righteousness and holiness.

Additional Scripture References: Prov. 23:7; Matt. 22:1-14; John 5:25; 10:27-28; Rom. 3:10-12; 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6, 16, 18; Eph. 1:18-19; 2:1-2; 3:18-19; 5:8; Col. 3:2, 8-10, 12; Heb. 3:15; 12:14