

Ephesians 4:17-24 Out with the Old in with the New

Growth group questions

Personal preparation BEFORE the growth group meets

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

In this passage Paul is comparing the Old life to the new life in which he makes some very confronting statements about the old life. Then he goes on to tell his readers that the old life is no longer who they are.

Getting started:

Why do we find it hard to make the connection between the truth we know and the daily lives we lead?

1. In Chapter 4:17, Paul addresses the way his gentile readers used to live, why do you think he has done this? Compare Eph 2:1-3, 2:11-12.
2. Ephesians 4:17-19 is a very confronting passage and it does form a very tight argument. Have a closer look and see if you can see the flow from, mind to heart and then behaviour!
3. How might our understanding of this help in our evangelism?
4. What does 4:20-21 tell us about how we came to know Christ? How have you seen this working in your experience?

5. See if you can identify the 3 different ingredients from the Gentile life to the Christian transformation, 4:22-24. What is at the heart of this transformation (vs. 23)? And why is this so important?
6. Do you have any questions from this passage?

7. What is confronting about this passage for you personally?

8. What excites you about this passage?

9. How does this passage impact your relationship with your church family and also with God?

10. Help each other see just how amazing it is to be the new man created to be like God!

When the Growth group meets:

1. The group should go through questions 1-5 together.

2. "I believe that Jesus is Lord, but I believe that he has freed me to live the way I want to live." Discuss how you would gently correct that kind of thinking!

3. The group should go through questions 6-9 together.

4. Give thanks to God through prayer and thank Him
That you have learned Christ
That you are no longer slaves to the old self.

And ask God to

Remind you daily that you are no longer the old man but the new man created to be like Him.

