



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Ephesians 4:17-32

(Memory Verse)

Ephesians 4:22-24 *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

(Ephesians 4:17-19): **17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Question: What are some of the actions of walking as the world walks? Why is it so important for the Christian to no longer live as the world lives, and how does that impact the world around them?

Question: How is living after the things of the world futile in our thought processes, cloud our judgment, and alienate us from the life that God has for us?

Question: How do you get to the point where you become *numb* to the things of God?

(Ephesians 4:20-24): **20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Question: What are some of the most remarkable truths that you have learned about Jesus in relation to you?

Question: What does it mean to *put off* your pre-Jesus conduct?

Read Romans 8:6-9

Question: How are the lusts of the flesh so deceitful?

Question: What does it mean to put on the new man?

(Ephesians 4:25): **25** Therefore, putting away lying, "[Let] each one [of you] speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

Question: How does truth strengthen our life as well as the lives of our brothers, and sisters in Christ?

Question: Why is lying such a powerful tool of the enemy?

Read: John 8:32

(Ephesians 4:26-29): **26** "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place to the devil. **28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with [his] hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Question: Is there ever a time to be angry, and what type of anger is *approved* by God?

Question: Why is it that the Bible tells us to not let the sun go down on our wrath, and how does unresolved anger affect us significantly?

Question: How does unrighteous anger give place to the devil in our hearts?

Question: How does working hard, and helping others in need bless the Christian?

Question: How can we do a better job in blocking corrupt words coming from our mouths?

(Ephesians 4:30-32): **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Question: What is the day of redemption?

Question: How can a Christian *grieve* the Holy Spirit?

Question: What is the root of the problem in a Christian's life when they're inconsiderate of other's feelings, and are unkind?

Question: How does having the perspective of God's forgiveness towards us aid in helping us to be kind, tenderhearted, and able to forgive others when they have wronged us?