

## Live it out | Ephesians 4:17-24 February 26th, 2023

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.*

- 1) Since waking up this morning, what has brought you joy?
- 2) Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

- 1) How did the sermon help change your thinking in some way?
- 2) Are there any questions from the Live It Out section that you would like to discuss?

### **Read Ephesians 4:17-19**

- 1) Wrong thinking leads to wrong action. What wrong thinking characterizes the unbeliever in this passage and what type of actions result? (Consider Matthew 15:11, Matt 12:34)
- 2) What type of wrong thinking is easy to slip into because of our culture or family influences?
- 3) Choose any wrong action (angry response, procrastination, overindulgence, pride) and trace it back to the possible wrong thinking that may have caused it?

### **Read Ephesians 4:20-24**

- 4) Right thinking leads to right actions. What do these verses say is the foundation for truth and right thinking?
- 5) What truths about Jesus and who you are in Christ have you been taught? What can believers do to keep these truths foremost in the mind?
- 6) Notice the word “renewed” in verse 23. Why is renewing the mind something that is a continual process? See also Romans 12:2
- 7) Paul exhorts the believers to put off the “old self” and put on the “new self”. How is that more than just “stop doing wrong things and start doing right things”?
- 8) Paul concludes by saying the new self is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Do you see yourself as holy and righteous? Why or why not?
- 9) Holiness means being set apart for God’s purpose. What things are not part of his purpose that you put off? What things are part of his purpose that you will “put on”?
- 10) How can efforts toward holiness turn into a “holier than thou” attitude, where others are judged for what they are doing? How can you protect against that attitude?
- 11) What is your biggest take away from this portion of scripture?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God’s voice.*

- 1) Lord, “Where does my thinking need to change about myself, about others?”
- 2) Lord, “What can I start doing or continue doing that will help you renew my mind?”