

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
I THINK BABY LIVES MATTER, DO YOU?
EPHESIANS 4:17

3 OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE TEXT

1. Paul is delivering a non-negotiable instruction.
2. "Walk" refers to your daily behavior.
3. Gentiles (Unbelievers) behave a certain way, but believers reject that way.

Main Point Paul is Making: Stop thinking the way you used to think before you came to know Christ!

Digging Deeper into the Message

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

Ephesians 4:17-24

1. What is the connection between thoughts and actions in verse 17?
2. Why have people become alienated from the life of God? (verse 18)
3. What does it mean in verse 19 that they have become callous? Callous to what?
4. What 3 steps can we do in order to not think like the world? (verses 22-24)
5. Has your thinking changed at all since you became a Christian? If not, is it possible you have never met Jesus? What is stopping you from surrendering your life to him right now?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: What or who do you think about the most? Why do you think that is?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ Read Ephesians 4:17-24 and review the front of the MAP.
- ❖ Answer the questions in the “Digging Deeper into the Message” portion of the MAP.
- ❖ Give some examples of the way you used to think before Jesus found you. How has your mind changed? (If you have been a Christian your whole life, your mind has still changed over the years as God makes you more like Jesus.)
- ❖ What did you used to think about abortion?
- ❖ What do you think about abortion now – how much do you care about it? Think about how much money you’ve given or how many people you’ve talked to about it over the past year. Is God calling you to care more?
- ❖ How can you change your mind and have more compassion on women who have had abortions? What do you think it’s like to be them now, having to live with that?
- ❖ There are 428,000 children in foster care in the US. 15,000 of them are in Pennsylvania. Another way to fight abortion could be to provide more homes for these children. Have you ever thought about welcoming a child or baby into your home? Is there any reason why God wouldn’t want you to consider it?
- ❖ It’s easy to judge people who stayed silent during the Holocaust, when up to 6 million Jews were legally killed. Since 1970, over 7 times more babies have been legally killed in America alone. What are you prepared to do about it? Brainstorm and make a list of at least 10 practical things you can do as individuals and/or as a group. Write them in the “Sermon Notes” section of the MAP.

APPLICATION:

- ❖ Pick up a baby bottle from church and give some money to save the babies in Armstrong County.