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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Ephesians: The Church – Our Identity and Mission

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Read: Ephesians 4.17-24

1. A theme in this letter is *to walk* and especially here in chapter 4. What has Paul meant in regard to *walking* thus far (4.1) and then how now does he talk about it (4.17-24)?
2. When Paul is speaking of Gentiles here what does he mean (4.17)?
3. What leads to futile living (wrong living)? What are the 6 levels of the heart without Christ in this passage (4.17-19)?
4. In contrast, what were the Ephesian Christians taught? What is the 'truth that is in Jesus' (4.21)?
5. What is the problem with the old self? What are the characteristics of the new self? These new clothes we are putting on who have they been created in/by? To help with the discussion of putting off the old self and on the new read Colossians 3.8-9, 12.
6. According to the text, how do we think, feel or act in such a way that God is the creator of our thoughts, emotions and actions (4.23)? Read the following texts to help with the discussion: Romans 12.2; 2 Corinthians 4.16-18; Colossians 3.2; Hebrews 12.1-2.
7. How does Jesus' parable in Matthew 22 apply to this text?
8. What might we do differently in light of these verses?

Pray.