

## DISCUSSIONGUIDE

### The Gospel & Others (The Everyday Gospel #4)

Week of Mar 3, 2019

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

#### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Who was your best friend when you were in elementary school? Why was he/she your best friend?

#### DISCUSSION

##### Read Ephesians 4:17–24

- a. In verse 19, Paul calls out sensuality and greed. Why are these sins selfish and harmful to those around us?  
  
b. Name some of the differences between the *old self* and the *new self*.

##### Read Ephesians 4:25–5:1

- a. What does it mean to speak the truth with our neighbors?  
  
b. How can a Christian be angry without sinning?  
  
c. Paul provides many examples of how Christians should live and act. Name some of these. How can we look to Christ as our guide to live these instructions out?



##### Read Philippians 2:1–11

- a. How does Paul tell Jesus-followers to relate to one another? (verses 2-4)  
  
b. What is the motivation for this behavior? (v. 1)  
  
c. Why does Paul talk about Jesus in verses 5–11 after talking about relationships in verses 1-4?

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

- Is there a friend, colleague, neighbor, or another person in your life who you could better show the love of Christ to? In light of Paul's instructions to believers, what tangible step could you take toward loving this person?

#### MEMORY VERSE

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)*

#### PRAYER

Ask God for grace as we strive to love like Jesus loved and live as Jesus lived. Pray that we as a church would be a people who are bold in sharing the gospel and loving well.

