

EPHESIANS

“Out with the Old. In with the New.” (Eph 4:17-24) – Discussion Questions

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. How would you counsel a person who claimed to be born again and yet was living as v. 19 describes? Does that mean they are unsaved or is there just too many “tigers” present in their spiritual home that are overcoming them?
 - a. As we think about those struggling with gender, sexuality, and identity issues in our world today, the church has marginalized them in the past. How can we practically reach out to and minister to them today? What might our prayer be? How do we reach them with the truth of Christ & God’s Word?
2. If a person did not have a dramatic conversion, how can he know that he was truly born again? Cite biblical support.
 - a. If we have made the transition from old man to new man, why do we still have such an intense struggle against sin? What are practical ways to be renewed in the spirit of your mind? Be specific. How should a believer prioritize which biblical goals to pursue when there are so many?
 - b. How do lusts deceive us? How can we avoid deception? Is it possible to have a positive Christ-like influence on nonbelievers without being influenced by them? How is this done? What does an influential Christian life look like?
 - c. What is the difference between asking yourself the question "what would Jesus do?" and asking Jesus "what do you want to do in and through me?" How is the focus different?
 - d. Walking different could involve changing jobs or friends. In your own Christian life what changes have you found to be particularly difficult as you seek to walk different?
3. How can a believer keep a tender conscience? Is it possible to have an overly sensitive conscience? Where’s the balance?

