



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 8/14/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 8/21/2022
TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:17-24

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

- I. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TRANSFORMS THE MIND. (vss. 17-18)

- II. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TRANSFORMS THE HEART. (vs. 19)

- III. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS TO KNOW HIM IN HIS PERSON AND WORK AND DELIGHTING IN HIM ALONE. (vss. 20-21)
 - A. You must know Him as a personal Christ, Savior, and Lord.

 - B. You must know His person: His nature and character.

- IV. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST SETS YOU APART AND MAKES YOU NEW. (vss. 23-24)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Ephesians 4:17-19.** In what three ways does Paul describe the way the Gentiles (i.e., those not “in Christ”) walk? Briefly explain each. What are the two reasons Paul gives for the way they are (vs. 18)? After the darkening of the mind, Paul describes other ways that their lives will further digress from God. What are they (vs. 19)?

2. **Read Romans 1:20-27.** How does this pattern here: ignorance>hardening>sensuality>impurity reflect itself in what the apostle has said in Romans 1:20-27?

3. **Read Romans 6:2b-4.** How is it possible for the Christian to live according to the apostle Paul’s exhortation given in Ephesians 4:22-24?

4. How would you counsel a person who claimed to be born again and yet was living as Ephesians 4:19 describes?

5. Because the unregenerate man’s human heart is alienated from God, what sinful substitutes does it crave? What should be the only satisfaction for the believer?

6. **Read Ephesians 4:20-21.** What does it mean that the believer has “not so learned Christ?” What does it mean to learn Christ?

7. **Read verses 23-24.** What is the key to living as the new man? What will this produce?