

# EPHESIANS

*PART OF SOMETHING BIG*



*January 28, 2024*



# WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

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And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

**r1** – A deepening relationship with God

**r2** – A life-changing relationship with other believers

**r3** – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

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To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



**WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS**



**WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS**



**WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE**



**WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS**



**WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS**



**THIS IS FOR LIFE**

# ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, 2/4

**9AM SERVICE FOLLOWED BY 10:30 MEETING**

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Feb. 4th, we will have an all-church service at 9:00am followed by our Annual Meeting (with a short break in-between). *Please note that this means that there will be no 10:30am service on this day.*

Route 56 and Kids Connect will all meet at 9am. Students are encouraged to join our celebration and vision service with the rest of the church.

During service, we will celebrate all that God is doing in and through RCC and talk about our hopes for what's to come.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare will be available during the Annual Meeting. Please RSVP at [richfieldcc.org/events](http://richfieldcc.org/events) if you need childcare for the Annual Meeting, so we can ensure appropriate coverage.

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR WINTER CAMP

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### High School & Junior High

**When:** February 16th - 19th

**Cost:** \$450

**Where:** Thousand Pines





And so I explained that Galentine's Day is like Valentine's Day but for your gal friends. And she said, "We should celebrate over tea!"

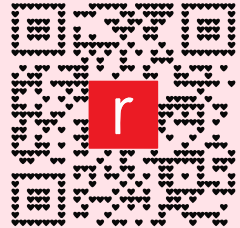
# Women's Tea

February 17th • 11am-1:30pm • \$20

**Spots are limited and they will fill up! Sign up ASAP!**

Scan the **QR code** or register online at [www.richfieldcc.org/events](http://www.richfieldcc.org/events).

If you need help financially, please contact Stephanie at [womenconnect@richfieldcc.org](mailto:womenconnect@richfieldcc.org).



MOPS



MOPS

*this is motherhood*



**BEGINS**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup>**

This Spring, MOPS meets every other Tuesday beginning February 13 from 9:00am-11:45am.

## MOPS SIGN UPS

RCC's Mothers of Preschooler's (MOPS) program is a wonderful expression of meeting young mom's where they are, lending support, and loving their kids so they can take a little break from the hustle of motherhood. If you know any young moms who are looking for community, RCC MOPS is a great place for them!

**Cost:** \$100 (includes breakfast and childcare each week)

Sign up at [richfieldcc.org/events](http://richfieldcc.org/events). For questions, email Holly or Melissa at [richfieldmops@gmail.com](mailto:richfieldmops@gmail.com).

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Ephesians 4:17-24

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ! <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

## NOTES:

# **Be Who We Are**

Ephesians 4:17-24

Todd Chapman - January 28, 2024

God is doing a supernatural, life-transforming work in our lives!

**Our lives before Jesus.**

**Our lives in Jesus.**

# **Life Group Discussion Questions**

Ephesians 4:17-24

For the week of January 28, 2024

## **Reading the Text:**

1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 4:7-16 from last week?
2. The primary audience for the book of Ephesians are the Gentiles in the Ephesian church. Why do you think Paul tells them to *"no longer walk as the Gentiles do"*? How does Paul describe the way Gentiles walk? (Ex: vv. 18-19, 22)
3. How does Paul describe the *"new self"* in vv. 23-24? What does it mean to be *"created after the likeness of God..."*?
4. According to v. 23, what promotes the greatest transformation and empowerment to *"put on the new self"* in v. 24? To what does it seem Paul pays more attention to: the mind or the heart?
5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 4:17-24 in your own words?

## **Living It Out:**

1. Paul seems to mention the *"mind"* and other parallel ideas quite a few times. In a passage explaining how we are to now live and act, why do you think he mentions the mind and understanding? Is the idea that new living comes from new thinking a new concept to you? Why or why not?
2. What are some characteristics of who you were in the *"old self"* before you came to treasure Jesus? What are some ways you see yourself living in the *"new self"* today?
3. How can we as a Life Group encourage one another to think and live in closer alignment with our new identity in God, consequently reflecting Jesus?

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