

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG

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?