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Week 6

Opening Prayer

Review

Discuss the following from our lesson in Ephesians (2:11-3:13)

1. What do you recall from our last session as it relates to the 3 A's of giftedness?
 - a. A _____
 - b. A _____
 - c. A _____

2. If you are willing to share, what did you discover as you worked through Page 3 of last week's Study Guide? Were there any new insights into how God has gifted you to serve in the Church and community in Jesus' Name?

Opening Table Discussion:

3. Describe something you picked up from a parent, or teacher, or influential adult that's become a part of you or your life.
 - **Read: Ephesians 4:17-5:7** and jot down below any words that stand out to you.

Video 6

Discussion Questions

4. In today's video session we heard the claim that many people today think all religions basically teach the same things.
 - a. Why do you think people say that? What's similar about different world religions?

- b. Do you think people who believe all religions are the same have a good understanding of Christianity?
 - c. What sets Christianity apart from every other world religion?
5. In Ephesians 4:17-19 Paul references “Gentiles.”
- a. Why is he talking poorly of the Gentiles here when, earlier, he was talking about their inclusion in the church?
 - b. What is the “Gentile way of life”? What does Paul say? And how does this list compare to the way folks live today?
6. What “way of life” then have we learned from Christ? See Verses 20-22.
7. So if you are “being made new” or “renewed” in your attitude, who is doing the renewing? How does **Romans 12:2** speak to this?
8. How does 4:32-5:2 help set the tone for the new life in Christ Jesus? What key words stand out to you?

Last Word

At the beginning of chapter 5, we read, “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

As we go through our lives, we learn various ways of living. We see things and we copy them, as any child does.

There are many today who don’t know the ways of God. They’ve never read a Bible, never gone to church. Their way of life is one they’ve picked up along the way—greedy, self-preserving, with few limits on anger or lust..

By God’s grace, we have been accepted into His family, and as dearly loved children we are learning a new way. We have a new self. Not striving to be accepted, but celebrating the acceptance we already have, and loving the One who loves us.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, apart from You we fall into broken ways of thinking, speaking, and acting. Yet, by Your grace, our entire lives are restructured in meaningful and positive ways that bring You glory and bless those around us. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.