

Ephesians: Week 5
Title: Ephesians: Building Others Up
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:20
Discussion Questions

1. We are in the fifth week of a sermon series on the book of Ephesians. Today's focus is Ephesians 4:25-5:20. Take time to read this section for yourself. What stands out to you as you read? What is confusing or do you have questions about?
2. Everything that is said in this section hinges on what has been said earlier in Ephesians, namely that followers of Jesus are called to, "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (Eph 4:1) If someone is a follower of Jesus, their life should look different from the people around them, both in dramatic and subtle ways. Do you remember a day before you were a follower of Jesus? What was life like? How has it changed?
3. Lying, anger, stealing, unwholesome speech, bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, and slander, all of these things break down communities and break down relationships. Christians are called to do away with such things and instead to be, "kind and compassionate." Which one (or ones) of these is the hardest for you to do away with? Pray that God would continue to give you strength to reject this former way of living, and that He would continue to transform you into something new.
4. In chapter five the list goes on. Paul warns Christians to do away with sexual immorality, impurity, greed, obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking. Instead, Christians are told to be "filled with the Holy Spirit," singing, making music, and giving thanks. Many people say, "giving thanks" is the opposite of "greed," do you agree? Why or why not?