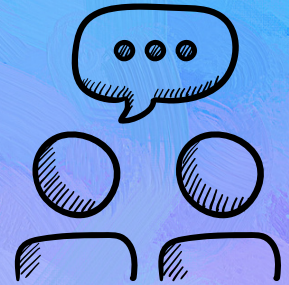




the book of Ephesians

Section 7

Ephesians 4.17-5.21



Key Verse

James 4.22, 24 | Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life...and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God...

Application Questions

- Who are we created to be like? (4.24, 5.1) List out the qualities that describe God. Which ones are you strongest in? Weakest in? Confused about?
- What is something that you need to put off and something you need to put on?
- Which of all that is listed by Paul is hardest for you to do?

Life Questions

- Anything we can pray for this week?
- Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?

Diving In Questions

- 23 | How can we be "renewed in the spirit of our minds?"
- 4.25-29 | What four areas of behavior do you find in these verses?
- Who has "created" the "new self" to be "like God"? Who puts off the old self? Who puts on the new self?
 - What does this tell us about the Christian life?
- What should we do instead of speaking falsehood and why?
- What are we supposed to do instead of stealing? Instead of "unwholesome language"?
- Compare 5.10 and 5.17 | How can we do this?
- Why would Paul compare God's Spirit with wine in verse 18? What's the connection?
- If you were to summarize this entire (large) section in one sentence, how would you do it?k

Changing your perspective on the "put on" and "put off" list.

Ephesians 5.1 says, "Be imitators of God" right after Paul talks about what your life should look like on this side of Jesus in chapter 4. Relook over chapter 4, but this time look at all of the "new behaviors" as a description of how God treats you. How does that change the way you think and feel about this passage?