

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Week 6 Study

Icebreaker

Have you ever visited another country? If so, Where? How do people from other countries have different viewpoints than Americans?

Passage 1 Ephesians 4:17-5:2

In this passage Paul begins to describe how life as a Christian is going to look differently than what the people are use to. When Jesus becomes Lord of our lives, our lives will begin to change. The way we live begins to change. The way the church community interacts with one another begins to change.

Reflection What are the things Paul tells them to abandon in this passage?

Which of the items from this list are an issue for you?

What do all the negative things Paul wants them to abandon have in common?

How would you describe the vision of Christian community that Paul presents here?

Passage 2 Ephesians 5:3-13

In this section Paul explains what it looks like to walk with Jesus. He compares and contrasts the immorality that consisted in a person's life before Jesus to what there life should look like after Jesus.

Reflection What type of immorality does Paul say for believers not to participate in?

What is Paul's solution in v. 8-13 in how to live differently?

What do we need as believer's in order to live the way Paul describes?

Passage 3 Ephesians 5:21-33

Paul switches from describing our new life in Christ to now talking about the family. In this section Paul relates Jesus relationship to the church to how we should be living out our relationship with each other.

Reflection What do we learn about Christ and the church from this passage?

How does Paul's teaching about the relationship between Christ and the church shape the way that husbands and wives are to relate?

Which is easier for you to do: to sacrifice yourself or to submit yourself?

How does a relationship with Christ transform relationships in our lives?

Passage 4 Ephesians 6:1-9

This is the fourth relationship that Paul begins to address can be related to our workplaces. It is easy to get caught in the language of slave and master, but this was the culture Paul is writing to. The overall themes has to deal with authority. Paul begins to address the relationships between children and parents and slaves and masters, but the main theme is authority. Paul is asking the question as to how to you deal with people who are in authority over you and how to you treat people who you have authority over.

Reflection How does Christ transform the parent/child relationship? In what way are children to respect their parents? In what way are parents to respect their children?

What instructions does Paul offer to masters? What instruction does Paul offer to slaves?

How can we apply the relationship of master and slave today?

Application

Paul Talks about four different relationships. The first was our relationship with God, the second was our relationship as a church. The third is our relationship as a family, the fourth is our relationship in the workplace. Paul wants the Ephesians to see that their new life in Christ should transform all of their relationships.

What does "in the Lord" mean in v.5? How does this change the way we do things? How does this change our relationships and how we treat others.