

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Ice Breaker: *What is one of your strengths and one of your weaknesses (If you have any weaknesses)?*

Ice Breaker: *Tell one thing about yourself that the group might not know.*

Our group will be meeting for the next ten weeks. How can the group pray for you throughout this season of small groups? What is most important to you or your family right now?

What did you find most helpful from Sundays message on Acts 19 and Paul ministering in Ephesus.

Reflecting on Ephesus as a spiritual stronghold of darkness, what are some "strongholds" of darkness that you see in our society today? How do they compare to those in Ephesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What are some strongholds (habits, thoughts, or influences) that you see as barriers in your own spiritual life?

The Ephesians relied on the goddess Artemis as their protector. What false sources of security or power might we rely on instead of turning to God? How can we replace these with a firm trust in God's power?

Read Acts 19:1-7. Paul encountered disciples of John the Baptist who hadn't heard of the Holy Spirit. How does this remind us of the importance of knowing and growing in the full message of the Gospel? Are there areas of your faith where you feel you need more understanding?

Paul enlightened the followers of John the Baptist about the baptism of Jesus. How would you explain the difference between religious practices and a genuine relationship with Jesus to someone?

In what ways can we rely on self-effort to defeat strongholds instead of relying on God's power? What practical steps can we take to shift from self-reliance to dependence on God?

Paul's teaching and miracles led to life change in Ephesus. Have you experienced a moment when God broke a stronghold in your life? How did it impact your faith and your actions afterward?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

The Steve De Ford Family serves Native Americans through the Hualapai Baptist Church in Peach Springs, AZ, and the Independent Baptist Indian Mission.

John and Cathy Honeycutt have been planting churches in Asia by the grace of God and generous people since 1987.

Rodney and Becky Ruppel, missionaries to Cambodia, are grateful for supporting churches and individuals that have been very generous in giving to finish their church building.

The Russell Family has been planting churches in Paupa New Guinea since 2005. Their church has a goal to evangelize five of the ten main rivers in the South Fly District of the Western Province this year.

The Tate Family, missionaries to Honduras, are excited for the five students who will be graduating from their seminary soon. Each week they travel 100 miles to preach to those who protect the President and her diplomats.

Dwight and Gail Tomlinson, through Barnabas1040, began ministering to the countries with the least access to the Gospel in 2015. They are helping national pastors plant churches in cities and villages in 20 countries.

The Ziss Family has been serving in the Philippines for almost a full year. In August they had their ground-breaking service for the Freedom Baptist Church building with over 100 in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Night | September 15 | 5PM

Celebrate Recovery | Thursdays | 6:30PM

Women's Conference | September 27-28

Church Work Day | October 5 | 8AM