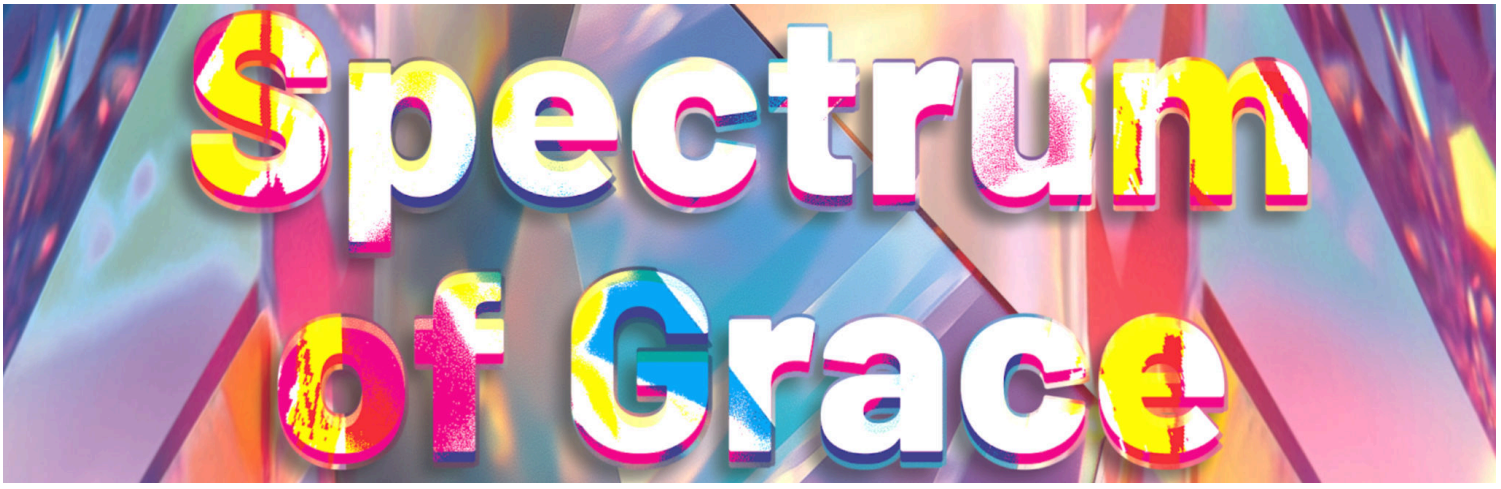


Week of April 26, 2026 - Where Are You Now? Small Group Lesson 12

Connect

Describe a time when you completely changed a long-held habit or routine because you realized it was no longer working for you. What prompted the change, and how did it feel to finally "put off" that old way of doing things?

Verses - Ephesians 4:17-25 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness [callousness] of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. According to vv.17-19, what are the ways the "rest of the Gentiles walk"? What led to them being "alienated from the life of God"? (v.18)

2. In vv.20-21, Paul contrasts the believers' new life with the world's ways by pointing to how they "learned Christ." What does it mean and that "the truth is in Jesus?" How does this encounter change a person?

3. vv.22-24 outlines a three-step process: put off, be renewed, and put on. What exactly are we supposed to put off and put on? Why do you think the renewal of the "spirit of your mind" comes between these two actions?

4. In v.25, what practical command does Paul give as a result of putting on the "new man"? Why does the fact that "we are members of one another" make speaking the truth so important? (see v.21)

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Jesse reminded us not to look at the unsaved world with a callous heart or eyes of scorn, warning against the pride of the Pharisees.

In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to show the "Power of Love" to those who are acting out of "futility"? How (and who) can you show them God's mercy this week?

Discuss 2:
As "Kingdom Ambassadors," we are called to be "lifeboats in society" to bring people out of the dark ocean. Share one possible "neighbor" (someone in your proximity) you can actively reach out to this week? Pray for them.

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.