THE NEW PATH OF LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

1	How does the believer's union with Christ and unity with the Church prepare him/her for receiving the truths Paul is explaining in Eph 4:17-24?
2	Paul describes a downward spiral of the believer who does not put off his pre-Christian thought processes and behaviors. Using the descriptions in verses 17-19, explain the downward spiral.
3	How have you experienced the Spirit helping you to take off your "old self" and wear your "new self?" How has doing so changed your life for the better?
4	When do you find it easiest to live like a chameleon?
	What would it look like to be Christlike in that situation instead? Think about lunch time at work or school, in the middle of a heated sports competition, while sitting on your couch Netflix binging, when you are lonely, when you are tired, when you are disappointed, etc.
5	Why is it more popular to tolerate "Gentile" or "worldly" behaviors rather than confronting those behaviors?
	How does a refusal to view the unbelieving world as Paul did affect personal holiness or a heart for evangelistic encounters?
	Read Jesus' words about salt and light in Matt 5:13-16. What does Jesus expect from his followers in contrast to the world?
	♀ How can you make a change in how you live as salt and light – be practical.
6	Is there anyone in the church who needs help out of unholy habits? Consider the fact that if you know about these unholy habits, you may be the one person who can actually help them out of their sin-snares.

	Consider the following: will this person respond to gentle exhortation or to firm rebuke? How can I he supported in an obedient decision to put off old-self practices and put on new-self character traits?	elp this person be more like Christ and feel
	Make a plan for speaking the truth in love with this person.	
	Commit to a prayer day for your Christian friend, then reach out.	
	What can we learn from Eph 4:17-24 about the importance of relationships in a believer's life?	
7	Which of the cross-references about "putting off" and "putting on" provide motivation for you in y 29:14 and 40:10; Ps. 93:1, 104:1, and 132:9; Rom. 13:12b, 14a; Gal. 3:27; Col. 3:9b-10)	our pursuit of Christian holiness? (Job
8	Does Eph 4:22 (lay aside the old self) describe what a person does once for all when he becomes a Cl regularly?	hristian or something that happens
	Can a person take the renewal step (renewed in the spirit of your mind Eph 4:23) without the putting	off step? Explain.
	How is the second step of renewal different from the third (put on new self Eph 4:24)?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	Explain how you personally have seen these three steps of God's grace taking part in your own life. What step or area of Christian growth have you most struggled with? Explain.	PRATER REQUESTS
9	Exposure to the ways of the world and a former way of life can cause a loss of all sensitivity to God's ways. What danger is there in being desensitized by the ways of the world? How do believers become desensitized?	
	If you are surrounded by non-believers at work or school, how can you let them see your new walk in Christ without coming across with a holier-than-thou attitude?	
	Is it possible to have a positive Christ-like influence on nonbelievers without being influenced by them? How is this done? What does an influential Christian life look like?	