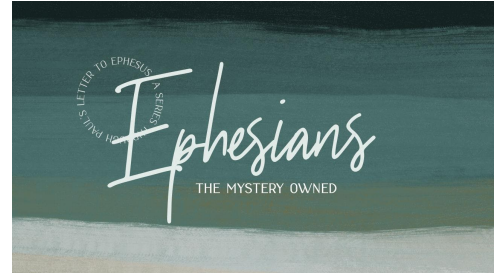


Northland Christian Church

Group First Week Discussion Guide - Ephesians 5

March 3, 2021



How to Use This Guide

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connection and Introduction

Since this is the first week your group is meeting - the focus is as much on connecting and getting to know one another as much as it is on walking through the biblical text. Go with the flow and feel of the conversation and group as best you can. Have fun. Use these connection questions to begin getting to know one another. If some of the answers given spark more discussion, that's great, enjoy the time.

- Share your name, how long you've been coming to Northland, and what brought you here.
- What do you do for fun?
- What would be your ideal vacation?
- What is the most memorable activity you did with your family as a child?
- What quality do you appreciate most in a friend?
- What is one characteristic you received from your parents you want to keep and one you wish you could change?
- What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?
- If you knew you could not fail and money were no object, what would you like to do in the next five years?
- What are you hoping to get out of this group?

You can utilize the discussion and reading below for your group, instead of going over the passage from this past weekend's message. Due to the fact that it was on the topic of children and parenting, it may be more worthwhile to talk about some general concepts of Ephesians 5 instead of jumping straight into this concept. You may not want to begin your group with tough conversations right off the bat - especially since your group did not have a chance to get to know each other first.

Engage the Scriptures

- *Read Ephesians 5:1-2 with the group.*

Discussion Questions

- According to these verses, how does God view people? What is His desire for the church?
- How did Jesus love the church? How have you experienced His love personally?
- Should we read these verses (& the Bible in general) looking first for ourselves, others, or Jesus? Why?
- Who is the main point - focus - of the Bible? How does this help us interpret and understand the Bible correctly?

- *Read Ephesians 5:15-16 with the group.*

- Why might God want us to pursue “making the most of every opportunity”?
- What does this say about God’s heart for people?
- How would our lives be different if we applied these truths to our lives?

Reminder the Group

SPRING BREAK FOR USD 345 MARCH 7-13

No Group Next Week.

Meet back in two weeks. March 17.

Time in Prayer

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests. Spend time praying for each other. Pray that the group would connect well and would encourage one another and build one another up to look, love, and act more like Jesus.