

Ephesians

Week 11 – Review & Overview

Transition: Prior to our two-week diversion into the Easter message, we were digging deep into the idea of how to attain spiritual maturity. Specifically, Paul shared the “put off/put on principle,” which is based on knowing who we are in Christ (our position) and then living like it (so that our practice matches our position). He also illustrated what this might look like in the life of a believer by giving several specific practical examples.

Context: This week, in order to get back on track with our study of Ephesians, we are not only reviewing what we’ve learned so far, but also taking a bird’s-eye view of the rest of the letter so we can see where we’re going.

Opening Questions/Review of chapters 1-4: (Where we’ve been.)

- We’ve completed our study of the first four chapters, what has made the strongest impression on you so far?
- What has challenged you the most, and why?
- What is the put off/put on principle? In what ways have you applied it in your own life?
- What questions do you still have from the first four chapters?

Scripture/Storying: Ephesians Chapters 5 & 6

Discipleship Questions/Overview of chapters 5 & 6: (Where we’re headed.)

- What is your first impression after reading chapters 5 & 6?
- What key words/themes stick out to you (especially ones that are repeated)?
- How do chapters 5 & 6 tie in with chapters 1-4?
- What topics that Paul addresses are relevant to you personally? Which ones are you looking forward to discussing, and why?
- What is the Holy Spirit teaching from your group’s discussion this week?

Prayer time: This week we are praying for Knox Area Rescue Ministries (KARM), a ministry Providence supports.

- Please pray for each person gracing our doors daily...that God's grace may guide him/her to see and follow a new way of life in Christ.
- Please pray for the influx of people coming through our doors. We have been over capacity and are seeing more people seeking help than in past years. Pray that our leaders will have the wisdom to know what to do.
- Pray for strength for the KARM team and for softened hearts for those seeking help.