

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?

Read Ephesians 4:17-5:6

2. What stands out to you as you read through the passage?

This week's digging deeper questions require a different kind of reflection and discussion than normal. Paul talks in this passage about things we need to put off (our old way of life), put on (our new life), and focus on (who we have become in Christ). A key idea in the passage is that: *If someone is guilty of being a thief, they should go from taking things with their hands to using their hands to produce things to be ready to share with others.*

For applying this idea today, here is a question: *Are you guilty of being a thief within the church? Are you someone who constantly consumes from the gifts of others without using your gifts for the benefit of the body? What steps do you need to take to go from someone who only takes from the gifts of others in order to become someone who uses their gifts for the benefit of others?*

Another example: *Are you someone who avoids gossip? What would it look like to be someone who rejects to spread gossip and to become someone who lifts up others in the body?*

The key application of this week is that if we want to walk worthy of our calling, we need to identify the areas of our lives where we walk in sinful patterns, recognize who we are in Christ, and walk as those who are children of God. For your group time, instead of answering questions as a group, take time individually to look through:

Where are the areas of your life that you walk in an unworthy manner?

Where do you see patterned areas of walking in sin?

What would it look like to replace those unworthy patterns with faithfully walking in light of who you are in Christ?

After you answer the above three questions, share what you come up with in your group. Ask those in your group if they see the same pattern and whether or not they agree with your plan. Let the group help you to see any blind spots and help you to walk in the light.

Take some time to end in prayer by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another. Pray specifically for what you have shared. Pray for those who are dead in their sin and are headed for the wrath of God, that the Lord would open their eyes. Pray for revival in our church.