

Talk It Over

Renovating the Church

Week #5: Put Away

September 14 & 15



Warm Up Question

Have you ever been unexpectedly confronted by someone? How did it make you feel? How do you think the Ephesian Christians felt when Paul confronted them in Ephesians 4:17?

Read

Ephesians 4:17-24

Discussion Questions

1. What was the problem with "living as the Gentiles do"? Why was their thinking "futile" and "darkened"? HINT: Think about the disconnect in ancient paganism between religion and morality.
2. Do people today disconnect their morality from their religious practices? If so, why? In what ways?
3. Why does Paul urge his readers to "put away" certain things? How does Eugene Peterson's idea of "Negative Space" help explain why we need to stop practicing certain behaviors?
4. In the past, what has motivated you to stop certain behaviors and practices? How has this passage changed your thinking about why certain things shouldn't be done by Christians?

Application

Would you be vulnerable enough to share anything that the Holy Spirit challenged you to "put away"--i.e. stop doing--as you listened to this weekend's sermon?

Prayer

Close in prayer about what you have discussed.