**November 18, 2018 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

1. **In the Church (Ephesians 4:14–16)**
2. **Out with the Old (Ephesians 4:14) = Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* What are the 3 pictures of spiritual immaturity used by Paul in Ephesians 4:14? What do each of these tell us about spiritual immaturity?
1. **In with the New (Ephesians 4:15–16) = Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* What are 2 differences between spiritual maturity and immaturity in Ephesians 4:15?
* What is the picture of the church used by Paul in Ephesians 4:16? What does this tell us about the church?

**Application Questions:**

* Are you growing more spiritually mature or remaining spiritually immature?
	+ Are you growing in your knowledge of the truth (God’s word), or being deceived by lies (false teachings, other religions, etc.)?
	+ Are you becoming more like Jesus or more like this world?
* Are you serving in our church? Are you actively fulfilling your role as a member of this body?
1. **In our Lives (Ephesians 4:17–24)**
2. **Out with the Old (Ephesians 4:17–19) = A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life**
	* Supporting Scriptures Used: Romans 1:21–24; John 8:12
* What is the meaning of Paul’s command about our “walk” in Ephesians 4:17? What implications does this have for our lives?
* What are 2 characteristics of 1) the mind of the unbeliever (Ephesians 4:17-18), 2) the unbeliever’s relationship with God (Ephesians 4:18), 3) the heart of the unbeliever (Ephesians 4:18-19), and 4) the unbeliever’s behavior/lifestyle (Ephesians 4:19)? What do each of these mean?

**Application Questions:**

* How is your “walk”? Is there any real difference between your lifestyle and that of someone who does not follow Jesus? How does your faith in Jesus Christ cause you to be different?
* What characteristics of an unbeliever in Ephesians 4:17–19 can you identify with personally? In what way did you once live like Paul describes here?
* Are there any aspects of Paul’s description of an unbeliever in Ephesians 4:17–19 that describe your life today, even as a Christ-follower? E.g. Hard heart, sexual promiscuity, etc.? What are you going to do to change this?
1. **In with the New (Ephesians 4:20–24) = A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life**
* Supporting Scriptures Used: Ephesians 1:32; John 8:31-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4; 12:2
* What are the 2 stages of the Christian life in Ephesians 4:21?
* What are the 3 commands for us to no longer live like the world in Ephesians 4:22-24?
1. Put \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_ self (4:22)
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_\_ (4:23)
3. Put \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_ self (4:24)
* What do each one of these commands mean?

* Why are these commands so important? How do they help us as Christians to change the way we live?

**Application Questions:**

* Have you heard the gospel and believed? Are you growing in your knowledge of the truth of Jesus’ teachings?
* Have you made a decision to no longer live like the world (put off the old self) but instead to live for Christ (put on the new self)?
* What about in your everyday life: are you making a decision daily to put off your old life and put on your new life as a follower of Jesus Christ?
* Are you actively renewing through regular study of God’s word and Christian teaching? Why/why not?