

Going Deeper Questions

Team Jesus

Ephesians 4:15-24

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1. (Icebreaker) Have you ever played on a team (like in high school, college, or intramurals, etc.)? What were some of the things you liked about being a part of a team? What were some of the things that you didn't like about being on a team?

2. The first fill-in-the-blank was what (hint: it is written about in Ephesians 4:17-19)? How many Christians, do you think, live like what Paul described there in those verses?
 - a. When Paul writes, "every kind of impurity" (in verse 19), based on your observation of people, do you think he is saying that an individual practices *all* kinds of impure things, or that individuals practice *different* kinds of impurities, or is it a mixture of both?

 - b. According to Ephesians 4:19, why do people live like this? Is Paul accurate in his assessment? Why or why not?

3. Read Ephesians 4:20-22. Jeremy said these are some sobering verses (especially verse 22, because it is saying that Christians still have an "old self" that is being corrupted). Let's be honest: Do you ever think that you are immune from the corruption of your old nature?
 - a. Notice at the end of verse 22 that there is more than one type of lust. Jeremy listed some (lust for self-gratification, control, power, thrill, safety, etc.). Here is a risky question to discuss (*maybe you want to divide up the women from the men before you ask it*): Do you have a lust that you struggle with?

 - b. Where is truth found according to verse 21? Read John 15:1-11 (especially verse 5). Do you believe those verses in the depth of your heart? What do we need to do in order to abide in Christ?

4. Read Ephesians 4:23-24. What are the two ways that we *make new again who we are in Christ*? How can we ensure that we are doing this?

5. Jeremy closed with a story about what a professor of his told the seminary students about where they would be in 10 years. Based on the Ephesians passage, the sermon, and these questions, where do you want to be in 10 years. What things will you commit to in order to ensure you will be where you know the Lord wants you to be in 10 years?