



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Practical Christianity: Missional Challenge

Ephesians 4:17-24 | Mar 30, 2025



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul describe the “*futility of their minds*” in Ephesians 4:17?

2. What does Paul mean by “*the old self*” in Ephesians 4:17-19?

3. What characteristics and behaviors does Paul associate with the old self?

4. What does Paul mean by “*the new self*” in Ephesians 4:22-24?

5. What does being “*renewed in the spirit of your minds*” mean in Ephesians 4:23?

DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Is there an area of your life in which you are still walking and living the way you lived before receiving Christ?

2. What practical steps have you taken to ensure that you are no longer living your old life without Christ?

3. In what way do you feel that you are created “*after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*?”

4. Practically speaking, how do you put on “*the new self*?”

5. Contrast your old life without Christ with your new life in Christ. What do you see more: the new you or the old you? Share a few changes that you have experienced.

USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION (biblegateway.com)

Make observations of a passage and draw conclusions from those observations.

- **Who** - who is speaking; who is the intended audience; who is present in the moment, etc.
- **What** - what is the passage about; what problem is addressed; what happens; what is being said; what commands need to be obeyed, etc.
- **When** - when is this event taking place?
- **Where** - where is this event taking place, where does it fit in the larger context of the book and Scripture?
- **Why** - why is this message needed, why is it relevant today?
- **How** - how does this change what I know about God and humanity; how do I apply this to my life so that I can follow Jesus more faithfully?