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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Have each member share something that made a big difference in their lives. It can be a certain technology, a lifestyle change, a change in thinking, etc.

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- Change My Heart Oh God

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will thank God for opening their minds to the gospel.
2. GG members will share Christ to those around them who still need to know Christ.
3. GG members will allow God's transforming power to work in them.

INTRODUCTION

Chapter 4 of the book of Ephesians began with Paul telling the Ephesian believers to walk in a manner worthy of their calling. They ought to be united in the body of Christ by exercising their various spiritual gifts. In the passage for this lesson, Paul told the Ephesian believers how they ought not to walk. They should no longer walk like they were still unbelievers because God had transformed them from the inside out.

Paul told believers they should no longer walk as unbelievers do (vv. 17-19)

1. How did Paul describe the mind of the unbeliever? Why do you think did he describe it that way? (cf. Romans 1:21-22)
2. How did Paul describe their understanding? What do you think he meant by this? (cf. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
3. Why are unbelievers alienated from the life of God? How would you describe "ignorance" and "hardness of heart"? How are they connected to one another?
4. Why do you think Paul described them as being callous? What happens to a portion of the body when it has become callous? (cf. Romans 2:5)
5. Why should believers no longer walk in such a manner as described above?

APPLICATION

1. When is the turning point in your life where you stopped being an unbeliever and started believing in Christ? After each member has shared their testimony, spend a few minutes thanking God for opening your minds and hearts to the gospel.
2. Share an aspect in your life where you are having difficulty letting go of, so that you will no longer walk like an unbeliever.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Paul told believers to live in righteousness and holiness (vv. 20-24)

1. What were believers taught that made them different from unbelievers?
2. How did Paul describe being transformed from the previous life of an unbeliever to the life of a believer? (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17)
3. Where does this change begin according to Paul? Why do you think the change begins here instead of in one's behavior? (cf. Romans 12:2)

APPLICATION

1. How has God's transforming power changed your life?
2. You became a believer when you heard and believed the message of the gospel. Think of one person in your life whom you'd like to bless by sharing the gospel with them that they too may experience God's transforming power in their life.

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another, particularly in areas of each person's life where they need to surrender to God's transforming power. Thank God for opening your mind to the message of the gospel and for transforming you from the inside out that you may live like Christ. Pray for each other that you may share the gospel to people around you.



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