

EPHESIANS

WEEK 7 – May 19-23



New Hope | Small Groups

THE BOOK OF
EPHESIANS
WALKING IN YOUR TRUE IDENTITY

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

10min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements

10min - Follow-up discussion about Sunday's Sermon

- What is one thing you learned? What challenged you?

40min - Storying through scripture:

Today, you will read the second half of Ephesians chapter 3 look at the all-surpassing love of God.

SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 3:14-21

HEAD, HEART, & HAND QUESTIONS:

Who are the characters in this passage? List all of them.

List everything the passage says about God:

From the list above, knowing all the attributes of God are important, what speaks to *you* the most? Why?

How can you show God that you are thankful for these things?

CHALLENGE: Pray, as Paul did for the Ephesians, that God grants you the power to comprehend the vastness of His love for us.

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email/text to the rest of the group)
