

Ephesians 4:17-32

Discussion questions

1. We serve a kind, redeeming God who has welcomed us into relationship with Him. In response to verse 20, if you have accepted His invitation and trusted Jesus's sacrifice on your behalf, would you share that part of your story now?

2. What does it mean to "lose all sensitivity" (v19) and what connection does it have to verse 18's "darkened understanding"? (Peek ahead at 5:8-10 and beyond for even more clarity!)

Be encouraged!! We have hope--the Holy Spirit! What areas you want to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and conviction in? How can you live in active obedience to that?

3. Words are powerful. How do verses 29 through 31 personally challenge you as you consider your own use of words, either written, spoken, or in your thought life?

4. Though we cannot comprehend fully the overwhelming gift of God's forgiveness to us, even our most shallow understanding should compel us to an active, humble, joyful response! Verse 32 says "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

After studying this passage (and remembering James 1:22-25!), is there an area of kindness, compassion, or forgiveness that God is specifically compelling you to actively walk forward in? (This is a great opportunity for us to lovingly and courageously be accountable to one another!)