



### Take-Home - Study Ephesians together...

We're walking through Ephesians together. Here are some questions & conversation starters to help you grow as you talk about your faith together during the week.

*Scripture for memorization & meditation: Ephesians 4:22-24 - "Put off the old self...and put on the new self, created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness."*

#### Questions for personal study...

- † Choose a sin together (Don't choose TO "sin together") and then determine possible responses for each of the ten questions.
- † The goal of MORALISM is to be good. Moralizing Christians like lots of rules. But the goal of Christianity is not moralism; the goal is to be close to Jesus. Practice explaining to another person what Jesus means to you, or what you might say to someone who says. *"I don't need to go to church to be good. I can live a good life on my own."*
- † When faced with an ethical or moral choice, ask yourself, *"Will this draw me closer to Jesus or will this push me away from him?"* Try out that question with a few hypothetical dilemmas.
- † Here are the three questions about Jesus from vv.20-24 (*For each one discuss a possible answer*).
  - 1) Do I know Christ?
  - 2) Am I growing in my understanding of Christ?
  - 3) What should I put off in order that I might and put on good works God has prepared for me to do?
- † What do you think are some of the biggest time wasters; activities that keep people from putting on the good works God has prepared for them to do?

#### Tips for parents with young children this week...

**Monday** - Use the illustration of getting dressed to remind your child that we put on Jesus every day. It's about letting our faith show!

**Tuesday** - During your prayers together, let your child hear you thank Jesus for taking away your sins and giving you a new heart.

**Wednesday** - Explain that the Bible was written so we could know how God rescued us by sending Jesus to take away our sins. Ask your child to tell you everything they know about Jesus. Then make sure they see that it's not just that you know stuff about Jesus but that we trust in Him as our Savior from sin and love him in return. That's God's gift!

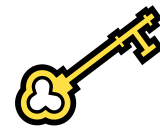
**Thursday** - Tell your child the good things God has planned for you to do. Talk about things like helping others (get specific), being "there" for people in times of trouble (think of some), and telling others about Jesus. Of course there's so much more you could say--help your child determine things God may have for him/her to do right now.

**Friday** - Remind your child of his/her baptism and how that was the time God gave faith for the first time. Now we read the Bible to grow in faith.

**Saturday** - Do some of the kid's questions online. (*Go to [stpauldale.com](http://stpauldale.com); click on Youth Ministry to find "123 kid's bible questions"*)

**Sunday** - Spend some time praying with your children before or after church. Explain that you go to church to learn more about God, to help welcome other children, and to have fun with their friends. After church ask about things they saw or remember hearing from their time with their Savior that day.

### *An opportunity to explore membership at St. Paul...*



## Keys to Life

A spiritual and personal study to grow closer to God through

- † **Four key words and Six key questions** about Christianity

#### **4 Key WORDS:**

Sin & Grace  
Faith & Works

#### **6 Key Questions:**

What is the Bible?  
What is God like?  
Who is Jesus Christ?  
Why is baptism so important?  
Why did Jesus give the Lord's Supper?  
Why do we need the Church?

**Pace yourself.** Take just a few keys at a time (*ie. the four key words*), then see if you want to keep going. Or, study all ten key words and questions in a row).  
**Schedule your Keys to Life start with Pastor Finn Today!**