



Life Group Work Sheet

Ephesians - Introduction and Overview

January 5, 2013

Getting to Know Each Other

1. What did you do over Christmas and New Years? What family did you visit? What presents did you get/give?

Part 2 - Application

2. In what ways is Ephesus similar to Spirit Lake, Spencer or the town you live in?
3. Read Acts 19:1-7 - What do we learn about the danger of having part of the Christ story? Read Romans 10:9-10. How much of our community is like these dozen men?
4. Read Acts 19:8-10. What evidences did the Jews have that Paul was telling the truth? Why do you think they refused to listen? In what ways can the church today be like the Jews?
5. Read Acts 19:11-20. Have you ever had a burning party? If so, what did you burn? Why did you burn it? Is God calling you to have a burning party?
6. Read Acts 19:21-41. Sometimes the reason isn't the reason. What was the false reason for the riot? What was the real reason for the riot? What was the reason behind all the reason? (Read Ephesians 6:12).

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

We are about to begin a study on our identity called, "Who Am I?" What does Genesis 1:26-27 teach us about our true identity?



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

1. How does the identity we perceive in the mirror affect our everyday life?
2. Where do we typically derive our identity other than Jesus? (stuff we own, our job, our sufferings, our sports, our parents) What is the danger of having those give us our identity?
3. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Why is that identity so important?
4. Think of a time of crisis in your life. Did you discover anything about finding your identity in something or someone other than Jesus through that experience?



This week get a notebook or a smartphone. Choose a magazine, TV show or social media site and answer the following questions to report back on next week.

Magazine.

- Where does the author of the article want you to find your identity? What does the author promise if you put your identity in those things?

TV Show

- What are the characters of the show? Where do they find their identity?
- What is the moral of the show? (What message does the show want you to leave with?)

Social Media

- From the posts, where are writers finding their identity?
- What are the most common identities you find as you browse the site?