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EPHESIANS 4:17-24

AIMING FOR TRANSFORMATION

DISCUSSION WIN:

Help your group long for the salvation of kids around them!

DISCUSS GOD'S WORD:

1. Does anyone have any funny baby or child pictures of themselves that they wouldn't mind sharing with the group? Share these to get each other laughing!
2. Behavior change only really takes place when there is a heart change. How does God change our hearts? How has he changed your heart?
3. The word "But" in verse 20 connects two essential parts of this passage. How would you describe the differences between verses 17-19 and 20-24?
4. Define the word "futility" in verse 17. What futile pursuits from your past has God delivered you from?
5. Ultimately, we wait on God to move in kids' hearts so that they respond in faith to Christ. How can we partner with God in facilitating this change in the hearts of children? How do we do this as a church?
6. Paul says in verse 20 that "learning Christ" is to forsake our natural selves and embrace Christ as our new selves. Becoming more like Christ in this way is messy. How would you explain this tension between being saved by grace and yet working to look more like Him to a child?
7. No one is born a Christian. Each person, child or adult, must respond to Jesus in faith. What are some of your strategies for reaching lost friends/coworkers that might work for reaching children?
8. As a group, share the names of children in your life whom you want to see come to know Christ personally. Pray for these souls as a group.

PRAY GOD'S WORD:

God, help us see children for who they are- little souls made in your image. Then, give us the wisdom and love to reach them with the Gospel.

