

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 4:25-32

The Gospel Unleashed Part Nine

No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be.

- A.W. Tozer

1) Put away falsehood. (Eph. 4:25)

- Compare Eph. 4:25 with John 14:6. What is the parallel and how does this apply to our holiness?
- What is the association between holiness and salvation? (1 Thessalonians 4:7-8)
- How can we speak truth to each other as the church? Can you think of a time you have had to do this? Was it easy or hard? Why? What was the outcome?

2) Warning: Move from vices and virtues! (Eph. 4:26-32)

- This passage lists out several vices and contrasts them with virtues. Can you think of specific vices that the Lord has freed you from? Consider sharing testimony with each other! What virtues has the Holy Spirit been perfecting in your life?
- Moving from vices to virtues promulgates holiness and church unity. Think of the follow statements and how you can begin to live out holiness:
 - Eph. 4:26-27: Discuss the importance of keeping short accounts.
 - Eph. 4:28: Discuss the value of moving from taking to serve self to serving to be able to bless others.
 - Eph. 4:29-30: Discuss how our words can build up or tear down. How do our words grieve the Holy Spirit?
 - Eph. 4:31: How can we “put away” vices? How do the vices listed in this passage hurt relationships and/or church unity?
 - Eph. 4:32: How do virtues express holiness? What is the Holy Spirit’s role? (Eph. 4:16-17) Have you experienced any of the examples given in verse 32?