

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Have you committed the sin of stealing? Explain.
3. How does the gospel teach us to “share with anyone in need” (28)?
4. What is the only kind of talk that should come out of our mouths? What does this mean?
5. What has to change in order for our speech to change?
6. To what do bitterness, wrath, and anger lead? (verse 31) What does this mean?
7. Why is the Christian to forgive other people?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Two weeks ago, we discussed the following question:

In verses 25-32, which instruction do you find the hardest to follow? Explain. How can this passage as a whole help you to follow this instruction?

In the last two weeks, how have you been doing in following the instruction you identified as the hardest to follow?

3. What does it mean that God has given the Christian a new identity in Christ?
4. What does verse 28 teach about the difference that Christ should make in our approach to work? Do you see this difference in your life? If not, what has hindered such transformation?
5. In explaining verse 29, John MacArthur wrote,

Raw truth is seldom appropriate and is often destructive. We have been saved in grace and we are kept in grace; therefore we are to live and speak in grace. Just as grace supremely characterizes God it should also characterize His children.¹

What does he mean by this? What does it mean to “give grace” through our words?

6. Have you had a healthy fear of grieving the Holy Spirit? Explain. How should you be affected by verse 30 this week?
7. What is slander? How are bitterness and slander poisonous?
8. What makes it hard to forgive one another as God in Christ forgave us? How can we overcome this?
9. What is the number one way you should be affected by this sermon this week?

¹ MacArthur, *Ephesians*, 188.