

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 4.25-32
“The Wardrobe of Fellowship”

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Throughout the second half of Ephesians, Paul describes many significant changes that happen in a person's life after they trust in Jesus Christ. Why is it so important to remember that these changes are the fruit (effect) of being in Christ and not the root (cause) of being in Christ? See Ephesians 2.8-9 for support.
2. According to Ephesians 4.24 and 5.1, who is the model for the new self? How might that transform the way we think about what Ephesians 4.25-32 says about everyday things like our speech, our work, and attitude towards others?
3. Some consider their faith as Christians to be a very private and personal matter. How does this passage remind us that our lives as Christians are inherently public and interpersonal?
4. Paul makes several statements about our speech (see verses 25, 29, and 31). Which one strikes you as an area of personal weakness where you need God's help to change?
5. Read Ephesians 4.32. Why is forgiveness so central to healthy Christian fellowship? Is there someone you need to seek forgiveness from or extend forgiveness to for Christ's sake?