

DAILY READING PLAN

Week of October 24, 2021
Community...It Starts Here:
Encourage One Another
Ephesians 4:17-24



Day One: Read Ephesians 4:17-20a

And so I insist—and God backs me up on this—that there be no going along with the crowd, the empty-headed, mindless crowd. They’ve refused for so long to deal with God that they’ve lost touch not only with God but with reality itself. They can’t think straight anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go in sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion. But that’s no life for you.

Manifesto: We are a healthy, thriving, robust community of faith that loves one another courageously, prays with and for one another intentionally, worships together, and celebrates all of the ways that God is active in the world through this community of faith.

- What one step would you be willing to take to make this a reality?

Day Two: Read Ephesians 4:20b-21

You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus.

Manifesto: We are a community of faith that is purposeful about being the light of Christ for others, a community that encourages each other to live with open hearts; a community of faith that practices generosity seeks ways to “learn Christ” by reading scripture, which gathers to learn in large and small groups.

- How have you learned Christ? How has that made a difference in your life?

Day Three: Read Ephesians 4:22a

“...take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life!”

Manifesto: We are a community of faith that actively steps away from old ways of living life that do not build up the Community of Christ and courageously steps into ways of living in a community that renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ.

- Where do you see this playing out in real life in your community of faith?

Day Four: Read Ephesians 4:22b-24

“...take on a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.”

Manifesto: We are a community of faith that measures the individual’s good by holding on to what is best for the community – that puts the community’s needs above and beyond the needs of the individual.

- What are some of the challenges that get in the way of being this kind of community? What can you do to change that?

Day Five: Read Ephesians 4:25

“What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.”

Manifesto: We are a community of faith that acknowledges that while there is undoubtedly a great deal of brokenness in the world, the faith community of Christ embraces the call to generate momentums of love and respect, which creates a different kind of world through love and service in Jesus’ name.

- What are some “momentums of love and respect” that you are committed to in your community of faith?