THE BRIDGE BETWEEN
OCTOBER 28, 2018

SERMON STUDY

Dive deeper into this week's message and passage from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

Read Ephesians 4:17-19. Sin is not inconsequential. It affects our lives.
- How could the Ephesian church live in such a way that was harmful to themselves even though they fully understood God's plan for human flourishing?
- Why do believers still sometimes walk away from the good life that God designed?

Read Ephesians 4:20-24. Our sinful nature draws us to cross the bridge back to our old self.
- Have you experienced the difficulty of living a new life in Christ while maintaining connections with, or crossing bridges back to your old self? Describe some specific examples.
- Does crossing back and forth over these bridges leave you tired, discouraged, angry, or doubtful? How do these experiences impact your life?
- How can you fight for a fresh faith that allows the Spirit to renew your thoughts and attitudes?

Read Acts 19:17 and Matthew 7:7-8. Fight to burn the bridges that are leading you back to your old way of life, and ask God to burn any bridges still standing.
- What bridges do you need to set fire to in your life? It could be something you're listening to, watching, doing, or not doing. Share with the group.
- Have you experienced breakthroughs as a result of the work God has done in your life? Encourage one another by sharing how God has broken through and burned the bridges you couldn't on your own.

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Here's an overview of what we're being challenged with this week in Daily Bible Reading:

Day 1: Ephesians 4:17-19| The good life.
Day 2: Ephesians 4:20-24 | Bridges between old and new.
Day 3: Acts 19:17-20 | Burning bridges.
Day 4: Matthew 7:7-8 | Keep on asking.
Day 5: Ephesians 4:23 | God burns bridges, too.

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