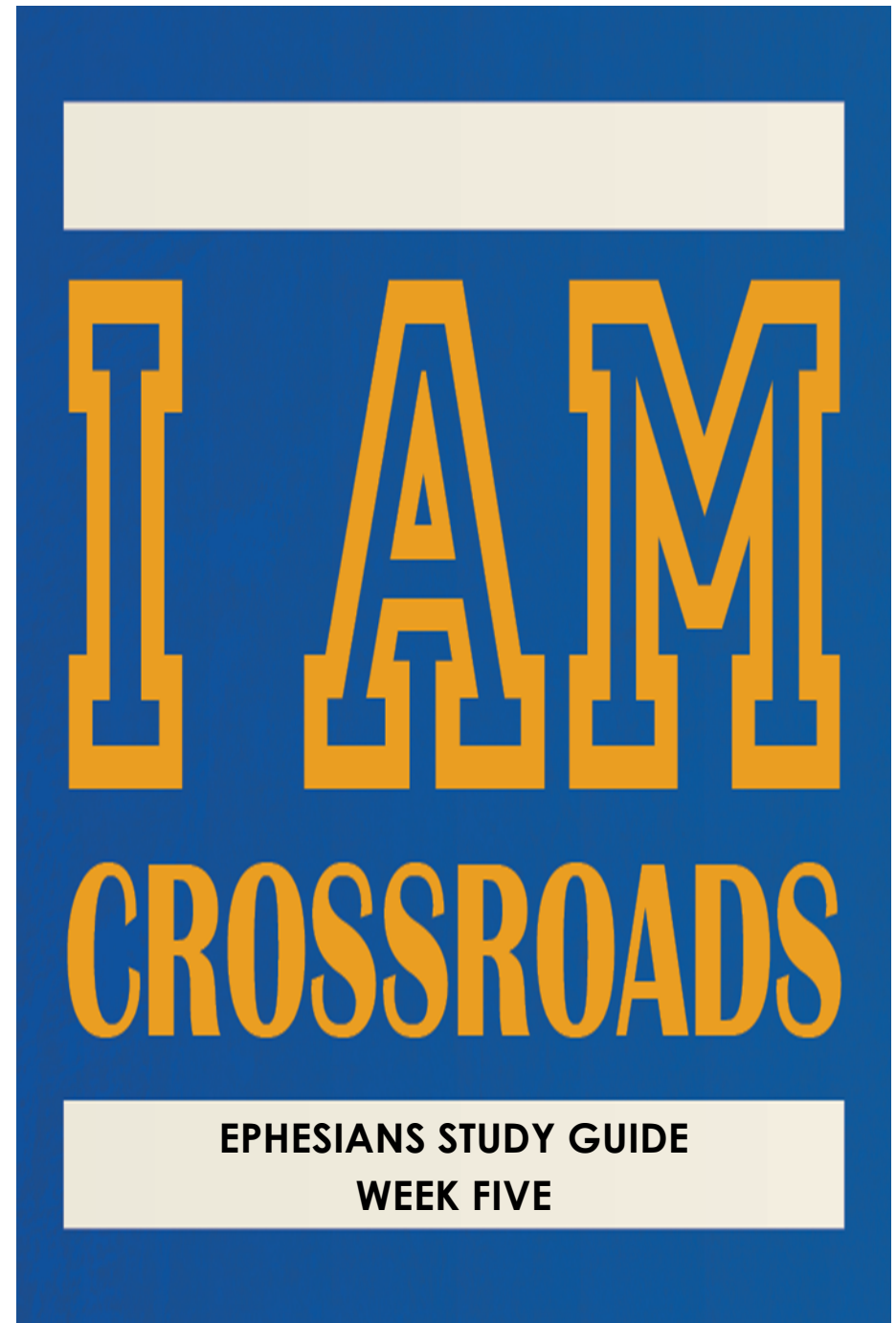


## Day 6

During the “I AM CROSSROADS” series we have been hearing stories of how God is using the church to make a difference. Think about these questions in your own life:

- How has being part of a church made a difference in your spiritual life?
- What are the dangers of living an isolated Christian life?
- How can you use your gifts and talents to build up the body?
- Spend some time praying for CrossRoads, the people, the mission, and the ministry.



## **Day 5**

### **Ephesians 4:17-32, 5:1-2**

<sup>17</sup> So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

<sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

<sup>1</sup> Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**What verse in this study meant the most to you? Why?**

**What lesson have you learned from this study?**

## **Day 4**

What specific attribute of God does Paul desire us to imitate (5:1)?

What does it mean to walk in love?

How does the love of Jesus change the way that we love other people?

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:1

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## **DAY 1**

What are the main points of this passage?

How are those in the world walking? Why? (17-19)

In your own words, what is the moral condition of the world which does now know Christ ? (v.17-19)

## **Day 2**

**In contrast, what truth have we learned from Christ? (20-24)**

**What sort of things are we to therefore put away? (25-32)**

**What sort of things should we be doing instead (25-32)**

**How would you explain this dual “put off/ put on” approach to someone who is a new believer and wants to know how they should live? In general, what are they putting off and what are they putting on?**

## **Day 3**

**Why should we be concerned about doing such things? (v.30)**

**List the eight bad things that we were supposed to put out of our lives, according to verse 25-31?**

**What are we supposed to do, according to verse 32?**