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Ephesians: A Three-Week Boogie

Week Two: How We Be

The Most Important Question: What is most real?

- What we can see?
- What we have heard?
- What God has revealed?

Ephesians 3:1-13--> The Gentile inclusion *is* the movement of the Gospel

- "Gentiles" is not some particular tribe but humanity in general
- What is the connection between God's plan and the Gentiles?
- How does the fullness of humanity come before God?

Ephesians 3:14-21--> Paul praises the Savior

- What kind of knowledge does Paul pray for in behalf of those who hear this?
- How important is the part that the Church plays in all of this?

Ephesians 4:1-6--> The Saved Life

- Paul gives a list of virtues in this passage. To what event does he tie those virtues? What reality makes those virtues reasonable?
- How does this differ from other sources of moral instruction?

Ephesians 4:7-16--> The Saved Community

- What context not long before the oft-cited "spiritual gifts list" here gives it a particular kind of meaning? In other words, what kind of community gets "spiritual gifts"?
- Metaphorically, what should be the end result of God's saving and gifting?

Ephesians 4:17-24--> Responsibilities of the Saved

- What things does Paul point to as characteristic of the Gentiles (the Greek word for nations) before he lists their specific vices?
- What verbs characterize the great change for Christians in the last few verses?

Ephesians 4:25-32--> Maintaining the Community

- What vices does Paul teach against in this passage? What kinds of effects do these particular vices have on common life?
- What practice does Paul eventually point to as constitutive of this community?

How We Be and Why We Does

- In Paul's grand scheme, how important is the Church in the grand scheme of things? In what ways do folks think differently about churches in 2008?
- When whoever taught you how to be taught you how to be, what reasons did they give for being how you be? How do Paul's reasons resonate with and depart from those reasons you learned?
- To what extent could someone look at the way you treat other Christians and see that there is hope for humanity beyond the ways of the nations? How are you going to be differently to give them something to look at?