

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

1. On Sunday, Pastor Clay said, "Behavior flows out of our belief, not the other way around." In the past, how have you seen your beliefs change because of your negative behavior?

If you are a Christian, how have you seen your behavior change since you accepted Jesus?

## PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

# MESSAGE NOTES

Made Alive series: A Mature Church

Text: Ephesians 4:14-19; 25-28

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We don't change to \_\_\_\_\_. We change \_\_\_\_\_  
we are loved.

Behavior flows out of \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't let your behaviors \_\_\_\_\_ your beliefs.

How you \_\_\_\_\_ others determines how you \_\_\_\_\_ others.

To know your \_\_\_\_\_ is to know \_\_\_\_\_ you are as a distinct  
individual, to know \_\_\_\_\_ you're valuable, and to know \_\_\_\_\_  
you're headed in life.

#1 - Stop lying because it \_\_\_\_\_.

#2 - Control your anger because you \_\_\_\_\_.

#3 - Don't take from others but instead, work hard to have something to  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

You are loved \_\_\_\_\_, but God loves you too much to  
\_\_\_\_\_ that way.

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# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of November 6, 2022

## GETTING STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever taken on a home renovation project? What was the project and how long did it take?

What were some of the frustrations and obstacles during the project?

When the project was over, were you pleased with the result? Were you glad you made the changes despite any frustrations?

2. The Christian life is a lot like a building project. What are some of the challenges that arise when God begins to rebuild someone to be more like Him?

## DIGGING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

1. On Sunday, we learned a lot about behaviors. What are some behaviors the world says are okay that go against a fundamental Christian belief.
2. Read **Ephesians 4:17-19**. Paul reminds the early church that they have walked away from growing spiritually. Read the following verses as a group.

- **Colossians 2:6-7**

- **John 15:1-8**

- **Romans 12:1-2**

What happens when we stay connected to Jesus and keep growing spiritually? Consequently, what happens when we allow ourselves to drift away?

3. In **Ephesians 4:20-21**, Paul reminds the church in Ephesus what they were originally taught. When you think about the truth of Jesus, what thoughts come to mind?

What is the true message of Jesus that we need to share (see **John 8:32**)?

Why is this truth so fundamental to our faith?

4. According to **Ephesians 4:22-24**, Paul lays out the three stages of our spiritual life. First, we trust Jesus. Then, our life is transformed. Finally, we live out that hope in Jesus as our lives continue to be transformed.

Go around the room and share where and how you're currently growing in your faith.

Is there anything you are struggling to "put off" from your former way of life? How can our group encourage you in that effort?