



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide September 29, 2024

Refresh

Read Ephesians 4:17-24 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

In Mark 7, Jesus addressed the “traditions of the elders.” These traditions were initially helpful but became too much of a focus for the religious leaders and inevitably led them to diminish the importance of God’s Law. In what ways are believers tempted to make too much of traditions that were once “good” but over time become detrimental? How can believers guard against this temptation?

In Ephesians 4:17-19, Paul will again give a detailed description of the state of the unbeliever before conversion (also found in 2:1-3). How does Paul describe the state of the unbeliever in this passage?

Why does Paul find it so important for believers to understand the unbeliever’s condition before being transformed by Christ? Why is it important for Christians to be reminded of this?

Sections of Romans 1 were referenced in the sermon. In Romans 1:18-20, Paul discusses “General Revelation.” What is general revelation, and why is it important?

While general revelation is important, it is also lacking. Why is it that general revelation is not sufficient for all the needs of mankind? In other words, what questions are not answered through general revelation alone?

Why is it important for the believer to understand what the hardness of one’s heart can lead to? While we know that a true believer can never lose their salvation, how can we continually keep our hearts tender to the things of the Lord?

Ephesians 4:19 uses the phrase “greedy to practice every kind of impurity.” Do you believe this is an accurate description of our culture? Why or why not? If so, what effect does it have on believers?