



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## R O C H E S T E R

### **Sermon Discussion Guide** **October 6, 2024**

#### **Refresh**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17–18 & Ephesians 4:17-24 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

#### **Discuss**

1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17–18, what does it mean to be a "new creation" in Christ, and how does this transformation affect a believer's identity?
2. The sermon discusses the struggle believers face in aligning their external behaviors with their internal transformation. What biblical examples are provided to illustrate this struggle, and how can understanding this help us deal with our own sin?
3. In Ephesians 4:20, Paul emphasizes the phrase "you learned Christ." What is the significance of this phrase compared to simply "learning about Christ," and how does it reflect the believer's relationship with Jesus?
4. What does Paul mean by "putting off the old self" in Ephesians 4:22, and what are some practical ways believers can actively engage in this process?
5. Verse 23 speaks of being "renewed in the spirit of your minds." Why is this step crucial between putting off the old self and putting on the new self, and what practices can believers incorporate to facilitate this renewal?