Ice Breaker: Begin by sharing with one another the impact of last weekend’s service where the book of Ephesians was read aloud. In what way were you blessed by the ministry of God’s Word? By God’s Word being read aloud?

Instructions: Divide your Small Group members into mini-groups (six groups if possible). Each mini-group will own one chapter (or two, if necessary) from Ephesians. Allow the mini-groups three minutes to survey their respective chapters as you walk through each of the questions below. Come back together after the mini-groups to discuss each question. If you don’t get through all the questions, assign them for homework. However, please make time to discuss Question 10 as a Small Group.

1. In Ephesians, find verses to answer this question: What is God like? (For example, Ephesians 2:7 says that God is kind.) What difference does it make in the life of a believer if he knows who God is?

2. In Ephesians, find verses to answer this question: What is God’s Word? (For example, Ephesians 4:29 says that God’s Word teaches and corrects.) What difference does it make in the life of a believer when he has a healthy diet of God’s Word? How would you prove to a person the truthfulness and value of God’s Word?

3. In Ephesians, find verses to answer this question: What is the Gospel? Specifically, look for verses that speak to: (A) Who God is, (B) Man’s sin problem, (C) Christ’s substitution, (D) Belief in Christ, (E) The promise of life for the believer. (For example, Ephesians 2:1 tells us that man is dead in his sin apart from Christ.) Why is it important to look for the Gospel as you study God’s Word? This week, with whom can you share the message of the Gospel?

4. In Ephesians, find verses to answer this question: Who are you to God? (For example: Ephesians 1:4-5 says that I am chosen to be His child.) What difference does it make in a person’s life when they embrace the truths about who they are to God? What is the danger of understanding who God is without understanding who we are? Which truth about who you are do you need most to embrace today? Why is it important for you to embrace this truth?

5. In Ephesians, find verses to answer this question: In what way is a Christian’s life no longer his own? Or, in what ways are we called to live less like self and more like Christ? (For example, Ephesians 5:25 says a husband loves his wife sacrificially.) Based on the texts from Ephesians, what does it mean that the believer’s life is no longer his own? What difference can it make in your life and in the lives of others when you embrace the truths that you are no longer your own? Which truth is most pressing on you today and why?

6. In light of what God has revealed to you in Ephesians about who He is and who you are to Him, how will this affect your Worship of Christ? Remember, worship is more than singing songs on Sundays; it’s a lifestyle. (For example, Ephesians 2:13-16 teaches that I will worship Christ by continually preaching the Gospel to myself.)

7. In light of what God has revealed to you in Ephesians about His Word and who you are now as a Christian, what affect will that have on your Walk with Christ? (For example, Ephesians 3:14-19 says I will meditate on God’s Word daily that I may know and believe the love Christ has for me.)

8. In light of what God has revealed to you in Ephesians about the Gospel and that you are no longer your own, what affect will that have on how you Work for Christ? (For example in Ephesians 6:19 encourages me to speak boldly this week about the Gospel to a non-Christian at work.)

9. Read Ephesians 6:24 and Revelation 2:1-7. Identify at least three things the believer must do to keep his love for Christ from being corrupted (Consider attitude, disciplines, or choices.)? In what way are you most tempted to abandon your “first love” (cf. James 4:4, 1 Jn. 2:15-16)? Looking back over the past 30 days, how would you describe your love for Christ? What does Revelation 1:5a say is the key to returning to Christ as your first love?