

June 18, 2023

In our Time
The Cry of the Home

The Scripture: Ephesians 4:20-32; Jeremiah 1:17

Big Idea: As enclaves of renewal, our homes must be shaped and formed by the new life Jesus gives.

The Challenge:

It's easy to compartmentalize our lives and see our church world and the rest of our lives separately. Yet the fact is that the culture, values, and priorities of your home will shape you more than the time you physically spend at the church or with church activities. For our church to experience renewal, it must first start in our homes.

Pastor Chris' Prayer for this Message:

If you live alone or with others, we pray that you will take ownership and be intentional about the spiritual vibrancy and temperature of your home.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Introduction:

- Can you share a positive memory of your father? If not, who has been a key male figure in your life that you have appreciated or looked up to? Why?

2. New Life – Ephesians 4:20-24

- What were the defining practices and attributes of your “old self”?
- What does it mean that our old self is “being corrupted by its deceitful desires”? What does this tell us about our desires?
- How have you experienced or expressed the “new life” (being holy and righteous) this week?

3. New Home – Ephesians 4:25-32

• Jesus changes:

- *What we say:* What impact have words had on your life in a positive way?
- *How we manage emotions:* What role has anger played in your key relationships? Does the enemy have a “foothold” with your anger?
- *What we contribute:* what unique call, investment, contribution, or mission can you take ownership of as a family unit or home?
- *Who has the final word:* What does it mean to grieve the Spirit? What activities that are occurring in your home may be doing this?
- *How we forgive:* How does unforgiveness shape a person after a long time?

Application: What are the expressed or unspoken values of your home? Do these reflect the person and ministry of Jesus Christ?