



EPHESIANS

ONE GOSPEL, ONE CHURCH

Week 8: February 28 – March 6

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)

Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Share the Vision (2 minutes): Through March we will focus on prayer for the lost and unconnected people in our lives. Please follow the prayer guide attached to this lesson guide.

Hook Question (5 minutes): When was a time you thought you had been told the truth, but it turned out to be a lie?

Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):

Truth can be hard to discern. We currently live in a divided world that will stop at nothing to disprove what the other side is saying. Even if it means lying to discredit someone else. People are constantly giving false information. Whether it be a politician, teacher, or friend on social media, we must be able to discern truth from lies.

Jesus understood people needed to hear truth. At the beginning of His ministry, He found Himself growing in immense popularity. As Peter, Andrew, James, and John began following Jesus, they saw Him perform many miracles. This led to people from Syria, Jerusalem, and Judea traveling to Galilee to see Him.

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain, sat down, and began to teach them. His teachings were different because He spoke to the people, not at the people and He did so with authority. As He taught, He told them who was blessed for their character. He encouraged them to be salt and light in a lost world. He gave instruction pertaining to anger, lust, divorce, oaths, loving people well, and much more.

At the end of His teaching Jesus gave three warnings. These warnings were based on His word and would help His disciples discern truth from lies. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Matthew 7:15-29 (12 Minutes for section): Change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from Matthew 7:15-29 Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others.

- What sticks out to you from this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How is the Holy Spirit challenging you through this story?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.