



Discussion Guide | Week 1: Extraordinary Church | February 6, 2022

INTRO VIDEO Start off your group by clicking the link below to watch the Bible Project's overview of Ephesians. You can also download & print out the poster to refer to throughout the series.

Watch Video → <https://youtu.be/Y71r-T98E2Q>

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OVERVIEW Ephesians is a 6-chapter, 20-minute read packed with some incredibly deep Christian doctrine as well as instructions on how to live. And while it is those things, we need to keep in mind that the Bible was written *for* us, but it wasn't written *to* us. Like every other book in the library of books we call the Bible, Ephesians was a letter written to a particular church at a particular point in history for a particular reason. So before we jump into the real meat & potatoes, we first need to learn more about Ephesus & the people that called it home. What we'll see is that the gospel has the power to completely alter a city. And if the gospel can take root & transform Ephesus, it can do the same here in our community.

KEY VERSES Acts 18:24-28; 19:1-41; 20:22-32 (NIV)

REMEMBER What stuck out to you from the Bible Project's intro video for Ephesians? What did you find interesting, challenging, or even strange? Share.

REFLECT Now think back to Pastor Craig's message. Was there something you learned for the first time? Maybe something that encouraged or convicted you? Explain.

RESPOND How do you read the Bible? Do you treat it like a Magic 8 ball to give you the answers you're looking for? Or do you see it as a missionary manual to equip you to make disciples who love & lead like Jesus? Explain.

REAL LIFE At the end of his message, Craig reminded us that wherever people of God go, they change the climate of the region. You change the climate by getting involved! So this week, how can we make a holy disturbance in Shelbyville? How will you let the Spirit work through you & this community? Share.

PRAYER TIME During your prayer time together, have each person share one specific way to pray for our community. It could be someone they know, a local business or organization, a particular neighborhood, or something else that Jesus brings to your mind. Pray with one another for the Holy Spirit to use you to change the climate of Shelbyville this week.