SCC Small Group Discussion The Way of Jesus– Ephesians 4:17- 5:2 Derived from a sermon on October 20, 2024 by Rick Dietzman, Associate Pastor

Getting Started:

Searching the Scriptures:

and how does Jesus fulfil the Torah?

Share al	bout something	that you let	go of from	the past.	For example,	an old habit	you
broke, o	r a bad attitude	vou had.					

1.	It says in the Bible that "Torah (God's law or commands) is the way" (Deuteronomy
	5:32-33) and "Jesus is the way" (John 14:6-7). How do you think these are related

2. Paul tells his readers in Ephesians 4:17-19 to put off futile thinking. What are some

3. Ephesians 4:26-31 lists several "futile practices". What are some of the negative

examples of futility that lead to missing "the life of God"?

outcomes that affect relationships and spiritual growth?

4. What do you think it means to "grieve the Holy Spirit"?

5. Ephesians 4:20-24 describes what It means to put on a new attitude and identity. Explain in your own words what "the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" is?
6. How does Romans 12:2 illustrate the kind of transformation that Paul is talking about in our Ephesians passage?
7. Based on Ephesians 5:1-2, how might we follow Jesus' example and "walk in the way of love"?
Application of Scripture:
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22
Ephesians 4:25-32 lists several fruitful practices which contrast with the futile ones. Of all the commands given here for Christian living, which seem to be the ones the Holy Spirit is urging you to apply right now?
A great way to enhance this lesson is to catch up with the "Practicing the Way of Jesus" Sunday Seminar happening through November on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10 am. You can watch the first few sessions and see what it's about at www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads