

**CONNECT GROUP GUIDE | 2017.05.21**  
**“EPHESIANS #5: COMMONLY UNIQUE // EPH. 3:1-21**

**ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP GATHERING?)**

*Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How?  
Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?*

**FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)**

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- FOUNDATION (knowing Jesus by the Word and Prayer)
- FEAR OF THE LORD (awe of God & surrendered to HIS will)
- FAMILY (having relational depth with brothers/sisters in Christ who help you live out your calling)

*Which of these three do you seem to do well with? Which seems the most difficult and/or inconsistent?*

*What steps is God calling you to take this week?*

**THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION)**

**Scripture:** Read Acts 4:32-37 (*always feel free to share with each other in response to the scripture before going on to the guide*)

In this passage, we see a man get a nickname; Barnabas (which means son of encouragement). This spiritual gift caught the attention of his brothers in Christ and they acknowledge it by giving him a name change!

In Paul the apostle’s case, God awakened him from his murderous rampage and gave him a new directive – preach to the Gentiles.

Whether by experience, personality, or by the affirmations from our church family, God makes us aware of how we’re crafted.

*Take some time to share how God helped you see how he made you and how you best live and serve. (Through some impactful experience? Someone encouraging you? By spending time with God?)*

\*Use this time to 1) be encouraged and 2) to listen to God’s voice on how he might be calling you to live!

**STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)**

While conversation is good, we want to see our lives changed by God!  
What is God calling you to do in response to His Word?

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