



STUDY GUIDE

Resurrection and Words

Ephesians 4.10-15, 25-32

WELCOME & SHARING

Share announcements...

- **Intro to New City Saturday, May 20th 8a-noon**

Intro to New City is a seminar designed to help you get to know the church a little better: hear the story of the church's origins, our Vision, Values, Beliefs, and Philosophy of ministry, some things that are distinctive about New City, etc. It also provides a basic framework for understanding the gospel, and the church's role in God's plan of redemption.

Intro to New City is a pre-requisite to membership at New City, however, attending the seminar does *not* commit you to membership. It's something we hope all regulars at New City will experience and if nothing else you get some free food and books! If you need **childcare** for the class we will be glad to provide it.

- **Aruna 5k**

The Cincinnati Aruna Run is a 5K run/walk to raise awareness and money to help bring and sustain freedom to the enslaved in the brothels of South Asia. We will have four different teams from New City this year. *New City Friends* led by Jacquelyn Stevens, *New City Presbys* led by Ryan Zhang, *New City Dwellers* led by Mike Previterra, and *New City 4 Aruna* led by Jess Bennett. Please search and join one of the teams when you sign up. If all the teams are full, or you would like to start your own team for your family and friends, please feel free to do so and let us know once you created your own team! **COST:** \$35 (additional sponsorship/fundraising encouraged) **REGISTRATION:** You need to register online with the Aruna Project: <http://arunaproject.com/events/6514>

- **Men's Outing: Woodford Distillery Tour | Sunday, May 21st**

Gentlemen...join us for a beautiful little road trip. A meander through bourbon country on Sunday, May 21st to visit probably the most quaint and delightful of the bourbon distilleries: Woodford Reserve. There is an option to sample the bourbon at the end of the tour but this is about the beauty of the area and the camaraderie of a short road trip. We'll leave from the church building at 12:30p (eat lunch before you come or bring something to munch on the car), head down to Versailles, KY for the tour, enjoy the afternoon and head back, returning before dinner time around 5:30p. Space is limited so you **MUST** pre-purchase a ticket online here: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2942893>

- **Plans for winding down**

You may want to begin talking about your plan for finishing up and finishing well. This might mean planning an end of the year party in June or talking about which dates will be your last. Take a few minutes to remember and celebrate memories from the year and the way God has worked in and through your group.

STUDY/DISCUSSION

Opener Question: If you could speak a language fluently that you don't currently speak, which would you choose?

Though Christmas gets more acclaim in our culture, Easter is *the principal* Christian holiday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. Over the next few months we're going to be talking about the implications of the resurrection for our lives.

1. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." True, false, or the biggest lie ever? Why?
2. **Read Ephesians 4.10-15.** According to this passage, in what ways is Jesus still at work in the world?
3. How does this provide a template for the way we are to be at work in the world, particularly with regard to our speech?
4. **Read Ephesians 4.25-32.** According to this passage, what should our words look like in community together?
5. Have different folks in the group read aloud these various texts from Proverbs. Talk about the speech ethic we get from these verses.
 - **Proverbs 10.18-19**
 - **Proverbs 10.31**
 - **Proverbs 12.13-14**
 - **Proverbs 12.17-18**
 - **Proverbs 15.1, 4**
 - **Proverbs 16.23, 28**
 - **Proverbs 18.13, 21**
 - **Proverbs 25.11, 15**
6. Have you ever had someone speak words of healing and restoration into your life? What was that like?
7. In what ways do you need to grow in redirected your words? (Josh mentioned recognizing the importance of words; perhaps speaking less; evaluating our speech according to how God wants to speak through me to others and allowing our speech to reflect the way God has spoken to us)

NEIGHBORING EXPERIMENT: Become a "regular." Pick a place and frequent it (@ least once a week). I.e. a coffee shop, park, grocery store (pick the same cashier), gym, etc.

PRAYER

Take some time and pray together: You can pray as a large group, break into smaller groups, split up into men and women, etc. If you share prayer requests, post them to the City so that your group can continue to be praying for each other.