

Alignment: Playing Your Role Well

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**God's
New People**
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

WARM UP

What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

COMING UP

[GRACELAMP.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracelamp.org/calendar)

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, November 22 • 12:00–6:00 p.m. • MC Multipurpose Room • Join us in partnering with the American Red Cross as we meet this urgent need in our community. Learn more and make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code “GracePolaris”) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Starting Spiritual Conversations Training Sunday, December 4 • 12:15 p.m. • MC 4 • Join us for this training to help you discover effective ways to engage people for Jesus. Lunch is provided and all participants will receive the book *God Space*. To RSVP by December 2, visit GracePolaris.org/Conversations or text “Conversations” to 614-888-7733.

A Family Christmas Celebration Friday, December 9 • 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, December 10 • 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. • Worship Center • Enjoy beautiful renditions of classic songs, see Christmas tales come to life through comedy sketches, and be inspired through spoken word poetry. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the program, so come early to enjoy jazz music, a free photo booth, and artisanal hot chocolate! Tickets are general admission and cost just \$5. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit GracePolaris.org/Christmas or text “Christmas” to 614-888-7733.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Ephesians 5:22–6:9 is a relational description of how believers live out Paul’s directive to “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ” (5:21). What is “submission” in your own words? Why does it have a negative connotation for many people?
- 2 Are the directives for wives and husbands (5:22–33) meant to give guidance for “tiebreakers” in decision-making, offer a pattern for different household responsibilities, or provide an all-encompassing framework for the relationship? Explain your answer.
- 3 Many people assume that God’s plans are confining. In this passage, what do you find liberating about God’s plan for relationships in the Christian household?
- 4 In our human nature, we are quick to highlight the responsibilities or deficiencies of others while ignoring our own. How can you focus on God’s directives to you in this passage?
- 5 How should children who no longer live at home regard the instructions in Ephesians 6:1? What changes or what remains for adult children and their relationship with parents?
- 6 Why might the attitude and effort of believers who follow Ephesians 6:6,7 be powerful in Gospel witness? In what ways might colleagues and supervisors respond to that display?
- 7 In your own words, how do the Gospel and the Spirit affect how we hear and apply these directives?

PRAY

Pray for constant strength and clarity in how to display Christ and the Gospel in all of your relationships