

Small Group Study Guide, Week of October 20, 2024

Ephesians 5:3-14; "Walking in the Light"

Ice Breaker: When have you experienced total or near-total darkness? What did you take away from the experience?

Dig:

1. In this passage, Paul turns from his metaphor of the "old self vs. new self" (Eph 4:17-5:2) to one of "darkness vs. light." How do these metaphors compliment each other in our understanding our new life in Christ vs. our former life?
2. What specific sins does Paul add to the list he started in Eph 4:17-5:2? What new replacement behaviors does he list?
3. How do you determine the difference between good clean fun and "foolish talk or coarse joking"? In 5:11, what does it mean to "expose" "fruitless deeds of darkness"?

Apply:

4. What are the positive and/or negative motivations that prompt you to live a Christian life? Which ones seem most effective for you? Why?
5. What help does God give to make Christian living possible? What next step(s) will you take?

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