

# Sermon Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES

### Ephesians 5:8-20

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Other Bible Passages:** Romans 5:6, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

### **Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

### **Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

- 1) When is a time when you felt powerless? According to Romans 5:6, how does God meet us in our powerlessness?
- 2) What fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, goodness, righteousness, truth, etc..) do you think those around you see in you? What is one fruit that you want God to transform your heart and produce in your life?
- 3) In Ephesians 5:15-16, it tells us to make the most of every opportunity, what has this looked like in your life? What are some ways that you have stayed focused on what matters most?
- 4) Where was the first time you remember seeing God in someone else? How did this impact your faith journey?
- 5) What is the hardest part about being light in community with others? What is one relationship that you would like to see love and unity return to in your life?

Please take time to pray for our community and the needs within it. This is an area of great hurt and division, and we believe God has a plan to restore many relationships in families over this next year.

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**