

# May 17 Discussion Questions

## “The Gospel-Fueled Life”

### Ephesians 5:1-14

#### **Review**

*As beloved children of God, washed in the precious blood of Jesus and transformed into holy priests of the Lord...*

#### **Be Imitators of God**

*Reflecting the Love of Jesus*

- By **Serving** other sacrificially (v.2-5)

*Reflecting the Light of Jesus*

- By **Protecting** the purity of God’s holy people (v.6-14)

#### **Connect**

1. Who is someone you wanted to imitate while growing up? Why? What benefit, if any, did this bring to your life?
2. What does it mean to imitate God? Why should we? What benefit does this bring to our life?

#### **Read Ephesians 5:1-14**

#### **Discuss**

3. Verse 2 defines “walking in love” as a decision to make sacrifices to God. What sacrifices have you made for God?
4. “*God is overall pleased with us because we are “in Christ,” but God is more pleased with us when we make sacrifices for Him.*” Do you agree with this statement? Does God’s emotional response to us change based on our obedience? How does this affect your pursuit of obedience?
5. Based on v.3, why are compromises and rationalizations of “little sins” problematic? How does this create momentum towards full acceptance and indulgence of sin?
6. According to v.4, how is thanksgiving a proper antidote to complaining and murmuring? How have you experienced the fruit of this?
7. How are “light” and “darkness” proper metaphors of the unbelieving and believing person?
8. According to v.11-14, what is the benefit of having an accountability partner? Do you have such a person in your life? How has it benefited you?

## **Apply**

9. What is an area in which you can become a better imitator of God? What help does Christ promise in your pursuit?
10. Do you tend to be more critical or thankful by nature? What is something right now you haven't been as thankful for as you should?
11. In what small ways do you tend to rationalize sin? How does this passage change your relation to that mindset or practice?
12. We all would benefit from a mentor, a partner in the Gospel, and a mentee. What do you sense God is prodding you to find?

## **Pray**

13. Pray for God to give you an undivided heart toward Him. Pray that no compromises would be made. Pray also that God would lead you to the right mentor, partner in the Gospel, or mentee.

### **Weekly Prayer Focus from Prayer Team**

**Personal:** Pray you live a life in the light of the Gospel. *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.??*  
Ephesians 5:8

**Ministry:** Pray for our graduates to stay strong in the faith. And that they will trust that God has great plans for them; to give them a hope and a future. Jer 29:11