

## Live it out | Ephesians 5:3-14 March 12th, 2023

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.*

- 1) What is one thing that made you laugh today or this week?
- 2) What prayers have been answered this week?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Review**

- 1) Did you put off or put on anything in your life this week? Will you share this with the group?
- 2) Has anyone watched the Bible Project videos from the Live It Out? Do you have any thoughts to share?

#### **Read Ephesians 5:3-4**

- 3) What protections have you seen believers put into place to help maintain purity in our secular world? What entertainment have you found that is wholesome?
- 4) How does thankfulness curb the temptation to greed or immorality? What gospel truths are you most thankful for?

#### **Read Ephesians 5:5-7**

- 5) These verses describe the unbeliever who continues to choose the idols of greed and immorality over Jesus. What will they experience?
- 6) What is meant by not partnering with them? How is partnering different from befriending? (Jesus was a friend of sinners)

#### **Read Ephesians 5:8-10**

- 7) We were darkness but now we are light. What does it look like to walk as children of light? See also Galatians 5:22. What does it not look like?
- 8) What does it look like to “discern what is pleasing to the Lord”? What activities help you most?

#### **Read Ephesians 5:11-14**

- 9) What are the benefits of exposing your own deeds of darkness? How does light bring healing?
- 10) What is the role of a Christian brother/sister when someone confesses their struggle with sin? (James 5:16)
- 11) What actions do the most to shine light and dispel darkness in the world?
- 12) How can we apply the truths from this passage to our lives this week?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God’s voice.*

- 1) Lord, “Is there a sin that I should bring into the open with a trusted friend?”
- 2) Lord, “What relationships should I strengthen so that others have a safe place to share?”