

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?”