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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member what they think will happen if the sun stopped shining and the world is plunged into darkness. How will the lack of light affect our daily lives?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- Here I Am to Worship
- Thy Word

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will use God's Word to expose sin in their lives and the lives of fellow Christians.
2. GG members will take advantage of every opportunity to share the gospel.
3. GG members will seek to discern and understand God's will.

INTRODUCTION

In our previous lesson, we saw how Paul admonished the Ephesian believers to walk in love, just as Christ loved them by sacrificing Himself on the cross. In this lesson, we'll see Paul admonishing the believers to walk as lights and to walk as wise in the world. Let's take a look at how they are to do that.

Believers should walk as lights in the world (vv. 7-14)

1. Who did Paul not want believers to be partners with?
2. What is the reason why they are not to partner with these people? (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14)
3. How did Paul describe people living as light? What characterizes their life ("fruit of light") and what do they seek? (cf. Matthew 5:14-16)
4. How can Christians relate with and share the good news of the gospel with unbelievers while avoiding becoming partners with them?
5. What did Paul tell the believers regarding the "works of darkness"?
6. How can believers, as lights, expose these works?
7. What can the light of Christ do to both believers and unbelievers alike?

APPLICATION

Children

List some ways we can shine for Jesus and discuss them. Ex: Helping a friend of yours who was bullied and comforting and encouraging that friend to recover from the sad experience. What about you? You might have more ideas on how we can be a light for Jesus in this world.

Youth

1. As you encounter more people who are not believers of Jesus, what are some of the practical ways you can avoid partnering with them while still being a witness to them?
2. What are some of the things you are being exposed to today that you as a believer can shed light on?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. What are some practical ways for you to avoid partnering with unbelievers? How can you share the gospel with them while keeping yourself from being “unequally yoked”?
2. How are you letting the Word of God shine its light on your life and in the lives of people around you?

Community

What are some obstacles that keep you from shining your light at home, at school, or at work?

World

What possible responses might Christians receive when they expose works the darkness in the world? How should Christians answer to such responses?

Believers should walk as wise in the world (vv. 15-17)

1. How would you describe somebody who is wise? What traits or characteristics do they have?
2. How did Paul describe one who walks wisely in the world? What does it mean to make “the best use of” time?
3. What do the wise seek to understand? What are some examples of God’s will found in the Bible? (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, 5:16-18; 1 Peter 2:15, 3:17)

APPLICATION

Children

Create a chart that shows how we live as wise and unwise. Because we have Jesus, pray about being wise in how we live wherever we are.

Youth

1. What are some of the things that occupy much of your time these days? How can you be wiser with your time?
2. How can you be more intentional about understanding God’s will this coming week?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. Give some concrete examples of how you can make the best use of time.
2. How often do you seek God's will? Share with the group some habits or practices that help you discern God's will.

Community

What are some opportunities you can take advantage of in your immediate community for sharing the gospel?

World

What impact will Christians have on the world when we all live wisely? What are some everyday obstacles Christians face that make it difficult for them to do so?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another, that you may preserve your testimony and expose evil.

Pray for the church, that it will be obedient to God's commission to make disciples.

Pray for our country, being predominantly Christian, that it may be a beacon of God's light to the surrounding nations.



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