

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question. Feel free to change the order of the questions to suit your group.

Ephesians – “The depth of God’s grace lived out in love.”

Ephesians 5:1-14 – Walking in Love and Light

- In last week’s lesson, Paul commanded believers to put off unrighteousness and put on righteousness now that they have confessed faith in Christ. He contrasted the old life before and the new life in Christ, which he builds upon even further in this week’s lesson.

Read Ephesians 5:1-14

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- Were there any misconceptions changed after hearing this sermon?
- What are some ways children imitate their parents?
- Read Ephesians 5:1-14. In this passage Paul writes about two ways believers can imitate their heavenly Father. How have you experienced God as love? As light?

Walk in Love

- Read and compare Ephesians 1:5 and 5:1. How are these passages related?
- Paul commands us to love others as Jesus loved us (5:2). Does that seem like an unreachable ideal, or does Jesus’ example give you hope?
- What are some practical ways we can imitate God’s love?
- Most of us know that sexual immorality is walking in darkness. But why does Paul equate greed with idolatry?

Walk in Light

- To walk in light means we are called to exalt God, exhibit fruit, and expose darkness. What about these points resonates with you?
- How did Paul describe our walk as children of light?
- What are some modern ways of doing that?
- What does it mean to expose the works of darkness (5:11)? How might we do this today? How does the Holy Spirit provide wisdom and boldness for this task?