

## 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.

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

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

### **Ephesians 5:15-17 – Walking in Wisdom**

#### **Read Ephesians 5:15-17**

- What is “therefore” there for? Some translations use the phrase “See then.”

#### **Walk Carefully (Walk in Wisdom)**

- What does it mean to walk in wisdom? What are your sources for this type of Wisdom?
- What is the difference between the Greek (or modern) notion of wisdom and the type of wisdom that Paul is calling believers to walk in? Why is Paul so concerned that the Ephesians live wisely?
- What do the following verses say about wisdom?
  - Proverbs 1:7, 9:10
  - Proverbs 10:1, 12:15
  - Proverbs 13:16,20 , 14:16, 28:26
- What does it mean to walk in foolishness?
- What do the following verses say about foolishness?
  - Psalm 14:1
  - Proverbs: 19:3, 18:2, 18:6-7
  - Ecclesiastes: 10:1-3
  - 2 Cor 11:19
- In what way does how you live reflect what you believe?

### **Make the most of our time**

- What point is Paul making by using the word Kairon (season or opportunity) instead of Chronos (referring to time) when stating believers are “to redeem the time?”
- What are some ways that Christians can redeem the time (or opportunities) that God has given us?
- What are some of the opportunities we have right now that God is calling us to seize?
- Does “redeeming the time” imply that every Christian must devote every spare minute to serving the Lord? How do we determine the balance between leisure and service?
- Read Colossians 4:5. Just like in Ephesians, living carefully means to make the most of every opportunity. How do you know if you are making the most of every opportunity?
- Do you make a habit of redeeming the time? When you have free time, what do you normally spend that time doing? Is there anything in your life which you feel wastes your time or distracts you from using your time well?

### **Understand the Lord’s Will**

- How does the believer “understand” God’s will?
- Usually when Christians refer to God’s will for their life, they are referring to major life decisions (career, spouse, home... etc), is that what Paul is referring to here?
- We know from scripture that God’s will for our lives includes the following (if time permits discuss each one):
  - Saved (1 Tim 2:3-4)
  - Spirit-Filled (Eph 5: 18)
  - Sanctified (1 Thes 4:3)
  - Submissive (1 Pet 2:13)
  - Suffering (1 Peter 3:17)
  - Saying thanks (1 Thes 5:18)