

# COMMUNITY GROUP

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 18-19

### WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

**PURPOSE:** *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

### DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

**RELATIONAL WARMUP:** Share one simple or surprising thing that you are thankful for.

**SET THE STAGE:** Paul describes two pathways through life; one is wise and the other is foolish. God's path is the path of wisdom, and He invites us to walk with Him. The Holy Spirit will guide us on God's path and will lead us in a path of transformation. For our relationships to thrive, we need the Holy Spirit's sanctifying power.

### READ THE PASSAGE:

*Ephesians 5:15-21*

### HEAD QUESTIONS:

Summarize the two ways of life that are described here. What differences do you see?

How might we "understand what the will of the Lord is" (v17)?

In what ways do we learn God's will?

### HEART QUESTIONS:

How can we nurture a life of seeking God's will, in everyday moments, as well as in big decisions? What does it look like to keep God's will as our path?

What are some reasons we turn to "things" other than God to fill or satisfy us? (v18 references wine but there are many things we can be tempted by) What is the result of turning to things instead of the Holy Spirit to fill us?

What does it look like to be filled with the Spirit (v18)? How does this impact our conversations and conduct?

How does reverence for Christ impact our relationships (v21)? When we start here (with reverence) what changes?

### HANDS QUESTIONS:

Do you see anything in this passage that could impact our group life?

What step could we take to practice something we see here?

### TAKEAWAY

### CLOSING PRAYER