

Redeeming the Time Discussion Questions

Ephesians 5:15-21

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1. What are some things that a wise person does? What are some things an unwise person does? Do you do more things that a wise person does or an unwise person?
2. What is the best use of our time? What does evil have to do with the way we use our time? How do you deal with your anger about the evil around us? Within us?
3. What is the will of the Lord? How is helpful to focus on doing the will of God already revealed in the Bible? How is not doing or not understanding the Lord's will make us foolish?
4. What does debauchery mean? How does drinking alcohol fit in with being wise or unwise?
5. What does this passage tell us to be filled with? How do people act when they are filled with the Spirit?
6. Read Acts 2:13-18. What was Peter's response to being accused of being drunk with wine?
7. What does Ephesians 5:19 tell us to do? How is reading God's Word and singing better than getting drunk with wine? How does it change the evil around us?
8. How does singing praises to God make you feel? Does it change your mood? How?
9. What does Ephesians 5:20 tell us to do? How often do you give thanks to God? Are we only supposed to give thanks for good things? Why or why not?
10. Why do we need to give thanks for the bad things? What do we learn or gain from the bad things in life?
11. What do you learn about yourself from the difficult things you go through? What do you learn about God from these times? How does your faith grow through these events?
12. Read Acts 5:40-41. What does this passage tell us happened to Peter and the other apostles? What was their response to their suffering? Why was this their response?
13. Do you have the same kind of response as the apostles to suffering? Why or why not? What do we need to do to change our perspective so we can be thankful even in our suffering?