

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

Get drunk on the Gospel! Ephesians 5:15-20

- 1.) These days are evil and time is short, so let's seize the moment and live out our lives faithfully in the world God has made.
- 2.) We must stick close to Jesus and seek to know and do the will of the Lord while living in these evil days.
- 3.) Seeking to be continually filled with the Spirit leads to wise living, worship, and gospel witness that flows from a thankful heart.
- 4.) To be continually filled with the Spirit requires that we drink deeply from the fountain of the gospel through the Word, pray and ask our good Father to fill us, and worship King Jesus as we witness to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Digging Deeper into the Message

- Read Ephesians 4:17-5:21.
- Based on these reading write in your own words how a Jesus follower should live?
- Looking at 5:1-2 and answer how does Jesus' act of sacrificing himself for sinner like us free us up to enable us to imitate him and walk in love?
- "Walk as children of light" , why is it important for the church to be a beacon of light, and what does the way we do this impact the witness we have in the community? How does the walk of an individual member hurt or help the church's witness?
- What can a church do to keep its light brightly shining?
- What kind of effect can a church full of believers walking as children of the light have on the world around them?
- We ultimately cannot do this on our own. This is why we need "to be filled with the Spirit", so that we might glorify God in and through our worship and witness to the world!
- Get intoxicated on the good news of Jesus through His Word.
- Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Let this text inform your prayers and pray.....that you'd "be filled with all the fullness of God."

Community Group

ICEBREAKER:

- Have you ever not looked carefully as you walked and took a fall? Tell about that story and what were the effects? Embarrassment, bruises, broken bones, and or something else?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Read Ephesians 5:15-17 and review the front of the MAP.
- How are believers to walk? What is the word "walk" a metaphor for?
- What are some ways that we can make the best use of our time? How is wisdom related to this?
- How are you doing with time? On what do you waste it? How do you make the best use of it?
- How can we come to understand the will of the Lord? (See Romans 12:2)
- What can we know for certain about the will of the Lord? (Read Micah 6:8; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 8:28; and 1 Thessalonians 4:3.)
- Read Ephesians 18-20. What does Paul tell the church not to do, and what does he tell them to do?
- How filled are you with the Holy Spirit? Are you dry to the bone or are you saturated? If you're dry what are some things you can do about that? If you're saturated what can must you do to stay full and help your brother or sister who is dry?
- How often and for what does Paul tell the church to give thanks? How can we do that in the midst of the most difficult trials of life? When do you find it hard to give thanks?

APPLICATION:

- Reread the last point. Continue to gather, pray, read the Bible, worship Jesus, and witness to the world! If you're not doing that then it's time to start walking wisely because these days are evil and time is short.

PRAY:

- Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Let this text inform your prayers and pray for one another.