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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Ephesians: The Church – Our Identity and Mission

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Read: Ephesians 5.3-21

1. An important theme in the letter to the Ephesians is the 'walk' of a Christian. 5.15 reminds us to be 'careful how we walk'. What have we already been told about our 'walk' before and after becoming a Christian up to this point in the letter?
2. According to what we read in 4.20-24, what is to be a daily and ongoing practice in our discipleship as Christians? Now that we are saved we now are enabled to do what when it comes to sin?
3. What is the negative that Paul wants us to 'put off' and what is the positive that he wants us to 'put on' in 5.3-5? How are these sins perversions of love and God's gifts? Take some time and discuss what is 'proper among saints' in 5.3? Remember the positives help us not fall into the struggles mentioned here.
4. Practically speaking, how are we to avoid being 'partners' with the world without withdrawing from it?
5. According to 5.11-13, how do we expose the 'fruitless deeds of darkness'?
6. How would Paul describe wisdom and what would this look like in practice (1.8-9; 1.17-19; 3.10)?
7. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? Look at the following verses in this letter: 1.3, 23; 2.22; 3.19; 4.3, 13. According to 5.19-21, what would you expect to see in Spirit-filled Christians – in church, alone and in relationship with others? What is their motivation? What, therefore, is the sign of a truly Spirit-filled person?

Pray.