

# Star Wars: The Force Awakens

## Ephesians 5:6-14

*“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” - Eph. 5:11*

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**Main Point:** Christians are called to be a force of light in a dark world.

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

Begin by asking group members to share stories of wardrobe mismatches or kitchen blunders that resulted from trying to get by without turning on the lights.

How would you answer the question, “What does it mean to be godly”? How relevant is this question to believers you know? To unbelievers?

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*One of the common images tied to God throughout Scripture is light. God created light out of darkness, and Jesus is the light of the world. In Ephesians 5, the apostle Paul calls on Christians to live as lights in a world darkened by sin. God has given His children the responsibility to reflect Him and His holiness to the world in order to draw people to Him. In today’s text, Paul helps us understand how we do this.*

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**Have a volunteer read Ephesians 5:7-14.**

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What does it look like to live as children of the light (vv. 8-9)?

Living as children of light involved pleasing God instead of ourselves. How can we find out what pleases the Lord? (v.10)

Look back at Ephesians 5:1-6 and 2:1-3. What are the fruitless deeds of darkness (v.11)? How can you expose them?

How can believers expose sin without violating Jesus’ command to not judge others (Matt. 7:1-5)? How can we expose sin without seeming to shine the spotlight on our own goodness?

Can you see growth in your life in the areas of goodness, righteousness and truth?

What could you do to more effectively welcome or cooperate in gaining these qualities?

We are to turn from sin and turn to the Lord. The better we get to know God, the more easily we know what He would desire in any given situation. God speaks to us through His Word, through prayer, through circumstances, and through the advice of mature believers.

**APPLY IT:**

What was the most challenging thing for you about this passage?

What does this section tell you about God and your faith?

How well is the light of your life shining in your world, and by its contrast making dark deeds obvious?  
Are you willing to make others uncomfortable by your mere presence?

**Pray:**

As you conclude your group meeting, pray that God's grace would deliver each person from sinful temptations as they seek to imitate Him. Pray that you would desire the light more than the darkness, and that you would be characterized by love and truth.

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