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South Sub Church

“Our Walk in the Light”

Ephesians-Our Walk with Christ

Ephesians 5:1-14 (ESV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Sermon Summary:

Everyone desires to live a life of meaning. And there is no greater way to live with true purpose than through a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus. The Apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reveals the key to experiencing this kind of life. In **Part I** of this series, we’ll explore the spiritual wealth we have as followers of Jesus—including the abundant blessings and divine wisdom available to us. In **Part II**, we’ll deepen our understanding of our spiritual position as believers and the responsibilities that come with it—how we are called to live out our faith in light of what Christ has done.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What’s one thing that makes you smile no matter what?
2. What’s a random act of kindness that someone did for you that you still remember?
3. Who is someone in your life that shines with God’s love?
4. What’s a personal discipline that keeps you spiritually sharp?



Scripture Study Questions:

1. According to verse 1, who are believers called to imitate?
2. How is Jesus' love described in terms of sacrifice in verse 2?
3. What three types of behavior are listed in verse 3 as "not to even be named upon among" believers?
4. In verse 4, what kind of speech are believers told to avoid?
5. What command is given in verse 7 regarding partnership?
6. What change in identity does Paul remind the Ephesians in verse 8?
7. What three qualities make up the "fruit of light" in verse 9?
8. Instead of participating in darkness, what should believers do?
9. What happens to anything exposed to the light, according to verse 13?

Application Questions:

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 is not doing well while 10 is doing great), how would you rank yourself on imitating God in your daily attitudes and behaviors? Why?
2. Are there areas of impurity, greed or idolatry that I've tolerated or justified in my life?
3. What kind of speech – jokes, sarcasm or coarse words – do I need to eliminate from my life to reflect Jesus more clearly?
4. What am I filling my mind with during the week that might lead me to compromise?
5. How have I allowed myself to become desensitized to sin? How can I renew my sensitivity to what grieves the heart of God?