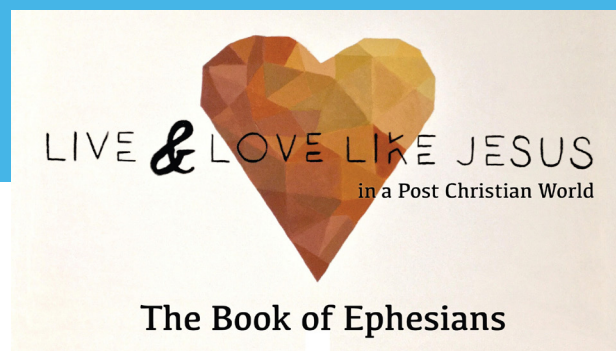


Discussion Questions

March 19, 2023

Ephesians 5:8 - 14 Walk in the Light - Part 2



1. Read Ephesians 5:8-14

What does Paul mean by saying "you were once darkness?"

In what ways do we as Christians demonize those who are in darkness? Why is this a problem?

What does Paul mean by saying "you are the light in the Lord?"

2. Read Matthew 5:14-16

How does this relate to what Paul is saying in this passage?

What does it look like to "live as children of light" in verse 9? Give specific examples beyond just quoting verse 10.

3. In verse 10, Why do you think Paul tells Christ followers to "find out what pleases the Lord?"

What does it look like to do that today in areas of media usage, speech, etc?

4. Paul hammers the necessity of walking in the light / "being the light" and staying away from and exposing darkness over and over. Discuss why this is such a central calling for Christians.

How we can make this a priority and grow in this area as Christians?

5. What does it look like to live in such a way that our lives shine God's light into a dark world?

6. Pray, and ask the Lord to reveal where you are engaging with "fruitless deeds of darkness."

7. If there is time, have people share how they have experienced the transformation from being "darkness" to becoming "light" in their own lives.



Ephesians 5:8-14 (NIV)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible - and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Yehiel De-Nur - Interview with Mike Wallace

"When I saw him [Eichmann], I suddenly realized he was no demon. He was no superman. He was an ordinary human being exactly like me, and suddenly I became terrified about myself. I saw that I am capable of doing the same things as him."

Titus 3:1-7 (NLT)

Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone. Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But - When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

John 8:12 (NLT)

I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 8:12 (NIV)

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

..created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 4:24 (NIV)

..put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."