**“PEOPLE OF LIGHT!”**

 **Ephesians 5:1-14**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. Do you prefer wearing old, comfortable clothing or dressy outfits? Why?
2. How would you rate your spiritual wardrobe: basic, adequate, or overflowing?
3. Since becoming a Christian, what old habits have you discarded?

**Ephesians 5:1–14 (NLT)**

1Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

2Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

3Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people.

4Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

5You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

6Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.

7Don’t participate in the things these people do.

8For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

9For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

10Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

11Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

12It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

13But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them,

14for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

***EXPLORE***

1. How are Christians to imitate God? (5:1–2)
2. From what practices should Christians abstain? (5:3–6)
3. Whom do we need to avoid? Why? (5:5–7)
4. How are Christians encouraged to “live”? (5:8)
5. How are the evil intentions of the ungodly exposed? (5:13)
6. How does life in darkness contrast with life in the light? (5:9–20)

 ***APPLY***

1. Paul commands us to love others as Jesus loved us (5:2). Does that seem like an unreachable ideal, or does Jesus’ example give you hope?
2. How did Jesus model both horizontal and vertical love (v. 2)?
3. To walk in light we are called to exalt God, exhibit fruit, and expose darkness. What about these points resonates with you?
4. How would you explain to a youth Sunday School class that immorality, greed, and corrupt speech each amount to idolatry?
5. What virtues and practices from this passage should we pursue as people of light?
6. What does it mean to expose the works of darkness (v. 11)? How might we do this today? How does the Holy Spirit provide wisdom and boldness for this task?

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