

1. Be imitators of God

- a) Ephesians 4:32-5:2 What does it mean to be imitators of God? How is that even remotely possible? (1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Corinthians 11:1)
- b) Why is it important to remember that we are “dear children” as we continue our growth in grace?
- c) Why is love the primary attribute we are called to imitate? John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:7-8
- d) Ephesians 5:2 What does it mean to “walk in love”?

2. Not imitators of this sinful world

- a) Ephesians 5:3-7 What sinful practices common in Paul’s day are still common today?
- b) The condemnation in Ephesians 5:5 is very severe. What hope does Paul offer in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11?
- c) Who shared a word of hope with you when you felt trapped in a sinful life?

3. Walk as children of light

- a) Ephesians 5:8 What important lesson can we learn from Paul’s counsel here? (Philippians 2:14-16)
- b) Who enables us to walk as children of light? Ephesians 5:9 (See also Galatians 5:16,22-25)
- c) Ephesians 5:10 What are some ways we can find out what is pleasing to the Lord?
- d) What inspired insight in Hebrews 13:20-21 is an encouragement

for those who desire to do what is pleasing to the Lord?

- e) Ephesians 5:6 What are some “empty words” we hear today from people who seek to divert us from walking as children of light?
- f) Ephesians 5:11-13 What should motivate us to expose the unfruitful works of darkness? Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 7:1, John 3:16-17, etc.

4. Redeeming the time

- a) Ephesians 5:15-16 What does Paul mean by the expression “redeeming the time”?
- b) Why is time so precious, especially in these last days of earth’s history? Revelation 12:12
- c) Ephesians 5:17 What promises can we find in the Scriptures for those who desire to walk wisely, making the most of every opportunity God provides? James 1:5, Psalm 32:8, Jeremiah 33:3, etc.

5. Engaging in Spirit-inspired worship

- a) Ephesians 5:18-20 Rather than engaging in drunkenness and immorality, what exhortation does Paul give to Christians in Ephesus?
- b) How does Paul’s exhortation reinforce the teaching of Jesus recorded in John 4:21-24?
- c) What blessings come when we share spiritual songs with one another and to the Lord?

