

Eph 5:1-21: Walking the Walk

- 1) Share an example of when someone (or you) didn't walk the walk (i.e. didn't live out who they were supposed to be)?
 - a) Why is walking the walk so difficult at times?
- 2) Recap what we've heard from Ephesians so far

Read Eph 5:1-7

- 3) What motives does Paul give us for "Walking" the Christian Life in vv1-2 (see also Eph 4:32)?
 - a) How do these motives prevent us from "guilting" people into living God's way?
- 4) What does Paul mean by immorality, impurity, greed and various types of speech? (Give practical examples of each)
 - a) Why are they improper for God's people and how is thanksgiving the appropriate alternative?
- 5) Based on vv5-7, how would you respond to someone who said:
 - a) "I keep stumbling in my faith and so God won't love me"
 - b) "Christians make a big deal about 'holy living' but God doesn't really care about how we live"

Read Eph 5:8-14

- 6) What motive does Paul give us for "Walking" the Christian life in v8?
 - a) How do you 'radiate' light in your workplace, community, home?
- 7) In what ways can we be tempted to partner with the deeds of darkness?
- 8) How does living as the Light not only expose dark deeds but also transform them into Light?

Read Eph 5:15-21

- 9) How does the wise person make the most of every opportunity?
- 10) Paul tells us that being filled *by* the Spirit involves: speaking, singing and making music, giving thanks and submitting to one another. How do you see those Spirit filled actions at work in your life and our life together at WHCC?

Pray