

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Read Ephesians 5:13-17

- What words or themes do you see in this text?
- What's the difference between being awake and asleep in life? When have you experienced one or both of these in your own life, and how did they manifest themselves?
- Our world tempts us with darkness in so many ways. As you think about the current situations in your own life, how is God challenging you to "walk as a child of light" as outlined in this passage?
- This passage speaks to the stewardship of our lives. Paul shares that the days are evil and that we should make the best use of the time God has given us. Why do you think this matters?
- As it relates to you, what would it look like to best steward your life, to make the best use of this one life God has given you? What might keep you from doing those things, and how could you let God transform you in them?

RESPOND

Reflect on what you just discussed. What is God prompting you to do next so that He can do a work in you? How about through you? Share your next step with your group, including when you'll do it, and write it in your HERE & NOW Guidebook (pages 50-51).

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PRAY

As we enter into HERE & NOW, spend some time praying together as a group. Pray for God to awaken you to the urgency of this moment in time and the role that you play in bringing light into a dark world. Ask God to first do a work in you so that He can work through you and our church to advance God's Kingdom.

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