

Hear the Call SERMON NOTES

CALL TO FOLLOW WELL
EPHESIANS 5:1-21 | AUGUST 28, 2016
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3. Walk as one who is _____. (15-21)

Intro:

1. Walk in _____. (1-7)

Conclusion:

2. Walk as _____ of light. (8-14)

New Reading Plan:

Monday, August 29th - 1 John 1:1-10

Walk in the light

Tuesday, August 30th - 1 Cor. 6:12-20

Temple of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, August 31st - 2 Cor. 6:1-7:1

Do not be unequally yoked

Thursday, Sept. 1st - Galatians 5:13-26

Walk by the Spirit

Friday, Sept. 2nd - Ephesians 5:22-6:9

Call to a God Honoring Home

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: Ephesians 5:1-21

Opening: Read Ephesians 5:1-21. From the passage/sermon, what truths impacted you the most?

1. There are a lot of commands given throughout this passage.
 - a. Make a list of both the things to pursue and the things to resist.
 - b. In what ways can you pursue and live out the right things?
 - c. Where do you get caught up and struggle to stay pure in the things we're to resist?
2. We are to walk as children of the light in verses 7-10.
 - a. Why do the things of "darkness" often appeal to us more than the things that please the Lord?
 - b. Think of a time you gave into the lure of darkness. What were the results?
 - c. Think of a time you were tempted and stayed true to the Lord in the midst of that. What were the results?

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d. Read Romans 5:3-5. What results are promised for enduring in the midst of struggle?

3. The challenges for us in verses 10-16 are to "discern" and "look carefully" at our walk.
 - a. What tools does God give us to do this?
 - b. Take some time to prayerfully evaluate your walk. In what areas are you not making the best use of your time?
 - c. What things need to go in order to please the Lord?
 - d. What should replace the things that need to go?

Application: This passage talks about "walking" in several places. There are also many commands listed, things to pursue, and things to avoid. As Christians, we are to be moving forward, progressing in our faith, from one degree of glory to another. Which of these commands do you need to pursue?