

## Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 5:3-6 Walk in Love Part Two

*"Policies are many, Principles are few, Policies will change, Principles never do."*

- John C. Maxwell

### 1) Responsibility: Avoid the vices of conduct and speech. (Eph. 5:3-4)

- Think through the concepts of sexual immorality and covetousness. As we think of these two concepts, we cannot deny that they are two driving forces in our culture. Take time to come up with examples. How then can we be in the world but not of the world? (John 15:19)
- Now, rethink the concepts and find examples within the church. Does this align with our call to holiness as we learned in chapter 4? How do we guard holiness?
- What are examples of words that are “out of place” within the church? (Compare with Ephesians 4:29)
- How does “thanksgiving” steer our words and actions? (Colossians 2:6-7)

### 2) Reason: Those lost in vices have no inheritance in God’s Kingdom. (Eph. 5:5-6)

- What are examples of sexual immorality and idolatry? According to Ephesian 5:5, what is the outcome of such lifestyles?
- Think through Matthew 5:10. What does it mean when we pray:
  - *Your Kingdom Come? And Your will be done?*
  - *What do these prayers look like?*
- Give examples of false teachers and their empty words. (Revisit 2 Peter 1:1-3.)
- Contrast those who disciple with those who deceive? Compare these two people and/or methods with the biblical model of Christ and the devil. Who leads which group? How does Matt. 28:19 safeguard us?