

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 5:13-16
Walk in Love Part Four

"Waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both."

- Benjamin Franklin

1) Closing thought on light: Our Works. (Eph. 5:13-14)

- How do we contrast good works as the fruit of our spiritual lives versus good works in an attempt to have a spiritual life? (James 2:14-26)
- How does the Bible define walking in light? (Colossians 1:10-13) Who “qualifies” us? And who are we qualified to be as Christians?
- As children of light, we best reflect our Father when our works are what? (Matthew 5:16 and 2 Corinthians 4:6)

2) Conclusion on enlightenment in Christ: Wake Up. (Eph. 5:14)

- How can we view the call to “wake up” as our spiritual resurrection? (Romans 6:1-4)
- Compare the exhortation to “wake up” with Jesus words to the church of Sardis. (Revelation 3:1-6) What stands out, and how might we compare the idea of “wake up” with what we learned in James 2? How can this reveal what the Christian life is meant to look like?
- How do we know whether we are awake in the light or dead in deeds of darkness? (1 John 1:5-10)

3) Call to Commitment: Walk in Wisdom. (Eph. 5:15-16)

- What does it mean to walk in wisdom? (John 8:12)
- How does Paul define the Christian walk in terms of being children of light? (Romans 13:8-14)
- How can we make sure we are making the best use of our time? As we look to our weeks, are there hours that we do not redeem? How might we change this? How do we find balance in using our time to love God, love people, reach the lost and make disciples?