

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 5:17-20
Walk in Love Part Five

“The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance.”

-C.S. Lewis

1) God’s will: Understand and be filled. (Eph. 5:17-18)

- Contrast Ephesians 5:15 with verse 17. How would you define the difference between being wise and foolish? What can we do to safeguard wisdom?
 - See John 16:13
 - See 2 Timothy 3:16
- The Holy Spirit and the Bible are both crucial to our spiritual formation. How are you doing in your pursuit of God through His Word? How are you doing in letting the Holy Spirit take control of your life?
- What does it look like to present our bodies as instruments of righteousness? (Romans 6:12-13) Share examples with each other.
- Give examples of how being filled with the Spirit of God unleashes the gospel in our lives and empowers us to walk in love!

2) God’s Will: Worship with each other, worship God and give thanks in Christ! (Eph. 5:19-20)

- How can we communicate love to each other through Psalms and Hymns? How does Paul’s language create a multi-generational and multicultural view of the church?
- What does it mean to worship God through song with our whole heart? Compare this with Matthew 22:37.
- How can we take passages like Eph. 5:19-20 and allow them to properly shape our theology of a worship service?
- How easily is it to get into a place of unbiblical worship? Can you think of (in love) some modern examples? What the difference between new (spiritual songs) concepts of worship and bad concepts of worship because of bad theology and/or practice? (Look back at 2 Tim. 3:16)