

Discovery Group - Gospel Living

(4) Walk in the Spirit

Accountability

Share how your obedience commitment from last week went, and who you shared with.

Bible: Ephesians 5:15-21

Read *passage* aloud & someone retell in their own words

- What do we learn from this passage about God?
- What do we learn from this passage about people?

Read the *article* on the next page.

- What are the priorities in your life?
- How does it look to live life centered around God?

Commit

What is Jesus calling you to do in *obedience* this week?

Who can you *share* this with? Who can you reach out to in order to make disciples?

Abide: Read and meditate on this passage a few times this week.

- Spend time surrendering your life to the Lord and ask Him how you specifically can better prioritize your life.

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Live wisely. Be on your guard. Live your life looking for opportunities to reveal Jesus. God gives us instructions on how we are to live within our church communities, within our families, and in our regular, every-day activities. Every aspect of our lives is so important to Him because our primary object is to know Him and make Him known. Remember, this is the great purpose of the Church! It makes sense then, that we live individually in a way that reflects this. We are called to make the most of every opportunity. How do we do so?

Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit to help us. When we live submitted to Him, we know what God's will is for us. We are aware of opportunities around us to share Him with others. If we are not living in the Spirit, we are living in the world. It is so important to daily submit ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must spend time in prayer so that we know God and are able to proclaim Him well. In our church communities, we are to worship together and give thanks to the Father.

Priorities. This Ephesians passage is addressing how we spend our time. Do you spend it mostly for yourself, pursuing pleasure or security or comfort? Or do you spend it for the Lord, making Him known everywhere you go; honoring Him in all you do? Is Jesus one of many important aspects of your life, all vying for time and energy and attention? Or is He the One guiding rule of life? Is He at (or near) the top of your list of priorities - though with the understanding that there are other important things that also require your resources? Or does He somehow transcend such a list? Is He in fact everything? Is He the only thing that gives meaning to all the others? If so, *be very careful how you live.*

If Jesus is more than simply your top priority; if He is in fact the One great priority of life, this will be reflected in actual behaviors and choices. *Make the most of every opportunity.* All else must make way for Him. How would it impact your life to live it with One great aim? Jesus - knowing Him, becoming like Him, making Him known. You would see the rest of life differently. Job. Family. Friends. Leisure. This would be the grid through which all decisions were made; the filter through which you chose how to use your time. Understand what the Lord's will is. Live to know Him and to reflect Him.