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Walk in Wisdom

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation starter: What's something you've done on autopilot recently that made you wonder, "What on earth was I thinking?"
2. Read Ephesians 5:15–17. Paul contrasts living wisely with living unwisely, and says we should make the most of every opportunity because "the days are evil." What do you think Paul means by living carefully and wisely? What would distinguish a wise Christian life from simply being a sensible or successful life?
3. Paul tells believers to "make the most of every opportunity" because "the days are evil" (v.16). How should recognising the brokenness and evil of our culture affect the way Christians use their time and opportunities? Where do you think Christians are particularly tempted to drift rather than live intentionally?
4. Verse 17 contrasts being foolish with understanding what the Lord's will is. When Christians talk about "God's will," we imply that God has a very specific plan for our individual decisions. Is that what Paul seems most concerned about here? What does this passage suggest it means to know and live according to God's will?
5. Compare the two commands in verse 18: "Do not get drunk on wine" and "be filled with the Spirit." Why do you think Paul places these alongside one another? What might being filled with the Spirit actually look like in ordinary Christian life?
6. Look closely at verses 19–21. Paul's description of Spirit-filled living is strikingly corporate: speaking to one another, singing together, giving thanks, and submitting to one another. What does this challenge about the idea that being "Spirit-filled" is primarily an individual or private experience? What would a noticeably Spirit-filled Life Group and church look like?
7. Looking across the whole passage, where are you most in danger of living on autopilot rather than "carefully"? As a group, what is one practical way we could help one another live wisely, make the most of our opportunities, and remain under the Spirit's influence this week?