

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Ephesians 5

Verse #1: Ephesians 5:1-7

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: This could be a challenging passage to study with younger kids. As always, answer the question honestly and with discernment. Try asking some of these questions: How do we imitate God? How do we walk in the love of Christ?

Verse #2: Ephesians 5:8-14

All Age Discussion Starter: A walk with Christ is all about making process and becoming better everyday. When we are born we are pure, innocent, and created to do good. Somewhere along the way we learn about right and wrong and will occasionally (or more often) choose to do things that are wrong. Why is it important for kids and grown ups alike to do good things and to be surrounded by those who are trying to do good? Why is it important to expose wrong things?

Verse #3: Ephesians 5:15-21

All Age Discussion Starter: How would you describe someone who is wise or who has wisdom? How would you describe someone who is foolish? Which of these things has God asked us to be? There are some warnings in this passage. What types of things might lead us towards foolishness or make us act the fool? Instead of foolish things we are told to speak to one another in hymns, give thanks always, and submit to one another. Quite the challenge.

Verse #4: Ephesians 5:22-24

All Age Discussion Starter: I know many people who dislike this passage immensely. This passage taken with the rest of the chapter put things in context.

The husband is the spiritual head of the household, not the master of the household who rules from a throne on high. The key is "Just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be subject to their husbands in everything."

What does that mean to you?

Verse #5: Ephesians 5:25-33

All Age Discussion Starter: Here is the key to the previous section of text. What would it look like when a husband loves their wife just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her?

This is not a picture of a husband lording power over his wife but cherishing her, honoring her, and building her up. For teens this is a great thing to discuss as thoughts begin to turn to who they want to marry.