

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From the Masterpiece Ephesians Sermon Series

Our Text for the Week of 6.8.20: Ephesians 5:1–22

Living by the Holy Spirit

The context is the Apostle Paul writing to Gentile believers who were living in the general area of Asia Minor in and near the ancient city of Ephesus. In chapter four into the first part of chapter five, Paul describes putting off the old self and learning to live as God's masterpiece. We read further in chapter five how this is more than a simple list of do's and don'ts. To be God's masterpiece, we must live by the Holy Spirit. Paul gives us some important ingredients in Ephesians 5:1–22.

Four Ingredients to help you live by the Spirit

Intimacy with Jesus

Intelligence from Jesus

Influence with Jesus people

Integration between faith and life

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Why is knowledge alone often not enough to accomplish a task?
2. Why is following Jesus more than just a list of do's and don'ts?
3. What does it mean to expose "fruitless deeds of darkness?"
4. What does the Apostle Paul mean by being "filled with the Spirit"?
5. Think about how you view the world. Do you have a Christ-centered worldview?
6. How can you live by the Spirit if you leave Jesus "sitting in the car"?
7. What is mutual submission, and what should it look like among believers?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to live more closely by the Spirit this week?

How will I live differently this week because of this study?

Thoughts & Reflections: