

a new way to **LIVE**

LIGHT, Ephesians 5:7-14 March 31, 2019

CONNECT

1. Tell a story about an experience you had with a power outage.

CELEBRATE

2. Since last week, have you actively chosen not to linger in darkness or partner with a “son of disobedience”? Is there any small or big act of repentance and/or obedience that you want to celebrate and praise God for?
3. Read Ephesians 5:7-8. Why are we called to no longer take part in the deeds of darkness? Read Titus 3:3-8 aloud together. How does the gospel help us do this?
4. In a world where people think “I’m okay and what is right for you is right for you,” how do we discern the things that are good, right and true by God’s standard? Consider Philippians 1:9-11 and Hebrews 5:12-14.
5. Ask the Lord’s Spirit, “Is there anything You want us to confess as individuals and a group that are not ‘fruit of the light?’”
6. Without giving names, have you ever exposed the deeds of darkness with a fellow believer who is being sexually immoral, impure or coveting (Ephesians 5:11) and spoken the truth in love to them (Ephesians 4:15-16, Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1)? Why or why not? As a child of light, how committed are you to walking in the light and helping others to do so in this way?
7. In places where there is shame about dark deeds, how can we gently point ourselves or others to Jesus and allow Him and His Words to bring light to that situation?
8. Worship Jesus that He is the light that continues to shine.

CONTRIBUTE

9. Who in your life is still “dead in their sins” and how are you are praying for them? Pray now.
10. How is Christ’s light in your life impacting how you reflect Him in this world? Does the light you shine as a group make a difference anywhere?
11. Read Ephesians 5:14 and Matthew 5:14-16. What step is God now calling you and your group to make this week to shine His light in the dark places?