

Week 8 | October 29, 2023

### Icebreakers

1. Do you decorate BEFORE or AFTER Thanksgiving for Christmas?
2. Which candy is better? Reece's or Snickers?
3. Where's your favorite place to go to see the changing colors of the season?

### Main Scripture

Ephesians 5: 1-17

### Main Points

◆ Being in SIN v. Being in CHRIST

◆ Ephesians 5:1

- Imitate God in all that you do
- Display the characteristics of the Father
- He doesn't want perfection, he wants maturity

◆ Ephesians 5:2

- Live a life filled with love following the example of Christ
- Be selfless and pure
- Eliminate all immorality, impurity and greed
- Obscenities, coarse jokes and foolishness have no place in your life

◆ Ephesians 5:5

- No greedy person will inherit the kingdom of God

◆ Ephesians 5:6

- Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse their sins

◆ Ephesians 5:8

- You were filled with darkness, but now you're filled with light
- The people of Ephesus believed, but they didn't walk the walk
- Allow Jesus to renew your mind. Do not be conformed by this world

◆ Ephesians 5:10

- Figure out what pleases the Lord

◆ Ephesians 5:11

- Be filled with the Spirit. Speak truth

◆ Ephesians 5:15-17

- Do not be fooled. Instead, be filled with wisdom
- Choose Jesus, not sin
- Put action to your belief and feet to your faith
- He WILL bless you with an ABUNDANCE

### Questions

1. What really stood out to you in the message?
2. Do you ever catch yourself following the patterns of this world? How can we remedy that?
3. How can we better encourage our friends and family to walk in truth and love, not be fooled by the world?
4. Do you have people in your life you can speak truth to? Do you have people you have granted access to speak truth into your life? (In love)
5. What does it mean to choose Jesus instead of sin?

### Announcements

◆ THIS THURSDAY, November 2nd is the ladies craft night @ Biblica in Palmer Lake! We have registrations live on Church Center AND the website! It's from 6-8p and \$20 reserves your spot AND your supplies!!

◆ Series continues next week Sunday, November 5th. It is DAYLIGHT SAVINGS so set your clocks back an hour!

◆ November 5th is also the next Taco with the Tanton's @ the Collective after church! Registration is in the Church Center app!

◆ Students will be back at the Collective Nov 5th, 12th, 19th @ 6:30 for Fight Night!!

◆ Holiday calendars are LIVE on Church Center! All Outreach opportunities are updated as well for this season of giving! You can sign up directly with Fostering Hope or Crossfire Ministries for any volunteering OR donate to them with us starting next Sunday!

¶ We'll have bins at Volunteer Check in and at Kids Check In to drop off any donations.