




October

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our October 2023 reading plan! We are diving deeply into the book of Ephesians this year and as we navigate it we are exploring different passages of the Bible that increase our understanding of the Gospel and how it's truth affects how we live day to day. Before you read each day meditate on Ephesians 5:8-9 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true)." – Ephesians 5:8-9

WEEK 1

Sunday, October 1st

- [2] John 8:12 | What has it meant in your life to no longer walk in darkness but to have the light of life in Christ?
- [3] 1 John 1:5-10 | How does this passage connect back to this Sunday's sermon on purity?
- [4] Ephesians 5:1-2 | Can you think of someone in your life who really exemplifies what it means to "walk in love"? What stands out about them? What have you learned from them?
- [5] Ephesians 5:3-5 | How does this tie back into David's sermon on Ephesians 4:29 and mold?
- [6] Ephesians 5:6-10 | Again, this idea of walking in the light returns – where do you need the light of Christ to shine in your life to help you walk more fully in the light?
- [7] Spend some time in prayer today and ask Jesus to help you walk in light and in love every day.

WEEK 2

Sunday, October 8th

- [9] Ephesians 5:11-16 | What stands out to you as you read this passage?
- [10] James 1:5-8 | Ephesians 5:15 talks about walking in wisdom. According to James, how do we gain wisdom?
- [11] Matthew 7:24-27 | What is the difference between the wise and foolish man? How can we apply this parable to our lives?
- [12] Matthew 5:14-16 | What does it look like to let your light shine in the lives of those still walking in darkness around you? Is the Lord calling you to take a step of boldness in obedience?
- [13] James 3:17-18 | Spend a few minutes considering the way you view wisdom. How does that compare to how James describes godly wisdom here in this passage?
- [14] Spend some time in prayer today, praying for those in your life who still walk in darkness. Pray that He would call to them and say, "Awake oh sleeper and arise from the dead!"

WEEK 3

Sunday, October 15th

- [16] Ephesians 5:15-21 | What stands out to you as you read this passage?
- [17] Ephesians 5:17-18 | Why do you think Paul uses the image of being drunk with wine when talking about being filled with the Spirit?
- [18] Ephesians 5:19 | What do you think it means to "address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs"?
- [19] Ephesians 5:19-21 | How does being filled with the Spirit change the way we engage with one another as believers?

- [20] Ephesians 5:21 | We talk a lot about submission in marriage but what do you think Paul means here when he talks about submitting to one another? How could this practice grow our unity as believers?
- [21] Spend some time in prayer today and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you up. Ask Him to give you a song of praise in your heart and gratitude toward God in Jesus' name!

WEEK 4

Sunday, October 22nd

- [23] Ephesians 5:18 | What stands out to you as you read this verse again?
- [24] Acts 2:1-21 | This is the first time Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit! What do you notice here?
- [25] John 14:26 | According to Jesus, what is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit?
- [26] Luke 4:1-13 | The text specifically points out here that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. What does He accomplish in this passage? Spend time praying and asking the Spirit to help you resist temptation in the same way.
- [27] Galatians 5:22-24 | What is the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the fruit of the flesh?
- [28] Spend some time in prayer today, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal His character to you. Ask Him to teach you something new about who God is.

WEEK 5

Sunday, October 29th

- [30] Ephesians 5:22-33 | What stands out to you as you read this passage?
- [31] Ephesians 5:22 | What does it mean for us as believers to submit to the Lord?



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