

Week of 2/20/22 Eph. 5:6-14 We Illuminate**The Bigger Picture:**

- **Spring Semester** is half-way over - have you taken steps towards identifying and developing your Apprentice?
- Did you miss the Feb. Leader Training? Watch here: [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#), [Session 3](#).
- Leaders need community too! Be on the lookout for more information about **Group Leader Huddles** - coming soon.
- [IF:Gathering](#) is a two-day event for the women of RADIUS Church on Friday, March 4 from 6:45pm -10:30pm to Saturday, March 5 from 10am-5pm. Encourage your group members to sign up and attend!

This Week's Goals:

Pray for this week's meeting. As we talk about light exposing darkness, we are inviting God to expose more darkness in us. We'll all need extra grace in this week's discussion.

Create a safe environment where members see that exposure can be healthy.

Multiplication Moment:

If you have an Apprentice or future Leader, have you asked them to lead yet? Remember to invest in them by inviting them to steer a portion of your meeting time. Stories and Story Cards are a great place to start!

Leader Tips:

Group Me or endless text threads driving you nuts? Try [Voxer](#) to make communicating with your members easier and secure. Thanks to Lex Group Leaders **Mary Ann Fuller and Lindsay Bijak** for the tip!

STORIES (15 min)**Sharing God Stories:**

Use the Story Cards: which card captures the idea of light exposing something else?

OR Tell about a time that you're thankful something was exposed in you.

OR Have someone tell the story of how they came from darkness to light (v7).

Get Talking:

What do you think Jesus meant when he called himself the "light of the world" (John 8:12)?

Think about giving this question to your Apprentice in advance so they can be prepared to kick off the conversation.

Prayer: Transition from Stories to Scripture by asking someone to pray for your time in God's Word.

SCRIPTURE (45 min) - These are our Group Chat Questions for this week:

On Sunday, we talked about shining our light in the darkness. Have someone read Ephesians 5:3-14. What stood out to you from the sermon or the passage? Which point on your outline hit the closest to home for you?

The passage mentioned "exposing" worthless deeds of evil and darkness. What are some harmful ways you have seen Christians try to "expose" darkness and sin around them? What are some biblical ways you have seen this done?

We always live in this tension as believers: we live in the world but do not want to live like the world. Have someone read 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 AND 1 Peter 4:3-5. How does the Bible help coach us in this area?

In our groups, we focus on stories, Scripture, and prayer. What are some practical examples in your group where folks have moved from darkness to light by the grace of God? Share a few and celebrate God's grace together!

PRAYER (20 min)

Prompt the group to pray in this way:

- Rejoice over how Jesus has filled you with his own light
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk as a child of the light.
- Pray for someone that you can call to "wake up" from their spiritual sleep