

Week of 2/27/22 Eph. 5:15-21 We Redeem the Time

The Bigger Picture:

- During the last week of groups (w/o April 3) we are asking you to help your members take stock of their spiritual growth at home, at church and in the world. We will be using a *revised* version of the spiritual health self assessment we did together last spring. Here's the [original version](#) we did last spring AND we'll provide a devotional resource to help group members debrief their results! Stay tuned for more details.
- [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:

Spur joyful wisdom in the members of your small group.

Help members see how up to date and practical God's word is. The admonishment and encouragement in Eph. 5: 15-16 is as timely today as when Paul wrote it to the Ephesians.

Multiplication Moment:

See the prayer prompt below. Ask your apprentice, or a capable group member to lead Prayer time this week.

Leader Tips:

Plan to *make the most of your time* in the meeting this week. Do you have an overtalker that you need to call beforehand? Do you have an "undertalker" that you need to get more engaged in the discussion?

Share your tips!
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STORIES (15 min)

Sharing God Stories:

Ask members to tell of a recent moment when God helped them make a wise decision, or saved them from a not-so-wise decision.

Get Talking:

Ask - what have been some of your highlights from the Ephesians series so far? Why?

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:

Talk about a really wise or unwise decision that you've made. What was the outcome of that decision?

Read Ephesians 5:15-21. Paul says that "the days are evil" in verse 16. What does this mean and why should it cause us to be careful how we live?

What does it mean to "be filled with the Spirit"? What are the effects of this on a believer? Why do you think Paul contrasts this with being drunk with wine?

What are some practical ways that we can submit to other Christians as we are filled with the Spirit?

PRAYER (20 min)

Prompt the group to pray in this way:

Praying over our plans and decisions is essential to growing in wisdom. Allow members to share prayer requests for future decisions or direction. Ask for volunteers to pair up and pray specifically for these needs throughout the week.