

# Sermon Guide



## **“Renewal Today” January 15, 2023**

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

### **Ephesians 5:15-17**

Read Ephesians 5:15-17. If we're honest, we often struggle to live intentional lives. Until Jesus returns, we need Him to sanctify us and help us be undivided people. We also rest in His arms, trusting His steady hands.

1. J.C. encouraged us to consider the following questions and take one step of faith toward a Kingdom mindset. Start by going through the questions together, allowing members of your group to share any impressions they have regarding each question. (Note: Later, you will have the opportunity to choose one step of faith to focus on).
  - Focus: Where am I currently distracted?
  - Wisdom: Considering what I know about myself, is this wise for me to engage? (Consider upcoming decisions, demands on your time, etc.)
  - Increased Expectation: Where can I increase my expectations around where Jesus can change me?
  - Confidence: What would someone in my circumstances do if they were absolutely confident God was with them?
  - Prayer: Where can I ask God for the impossible?
2. Now, evaluate: What is one step of faith I will focus on from the above questions? Why?

**Prayer Prompt:** As you consider your next step of faith, where do you need the Spirit to empower you? Remember: we are jars of clay, but the Spirit can do far more than all that we ask or imagine.