



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of February 6, 2022

Sermon: "A Joyful Picture of Looking Carefully"

Text: Ephesians 5:15-21

SUMMARY

What is the will of God? To be filled with the Spirit and walk carefully in the world, embracing a heart of thanksgiving, worship, and submission to one another.

FOR GROUPS

Paul warns us to look carefully how we walk, communicating care and intentionality to the decisions and the daily rhythms of our lives. In what ways are you tempted to disregard this warning in your own life? Why do you think this is?

Many of us are familiar with the concept of trying to determine God's will for us, especially when we face an important decision. How does understanding God's secret will and revealed will change the way we view this concept?

In verse 18, Paul contrasts being filled with the Spirit to drunkenness. What are some of the things we are tempted to seek to be "filled" by? How does the result of this contrast with being filled by the Spirit (i.e. the fruit of the Spirit)?

Paul instructs us to address one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. How can we do this practically and ensure we are "making melody with our hearts"?

The life of a Christian is a life fueled by thankfulness and satisfaction. How does broadening our scope help us to thank God even when life is difficult? Why should praying in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord fuel thankfulness in our hearts?

How does Christ's submission to death itself fuel our submission to one another? What does it look like for us to practically live this way?