

# LIVE IN WISDOM

*Ephesians 5:15-21*

## **SERMON SUMMARY:**

In 1984, Orwell thought the truth would be concealed from us. But Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* feared a different kind of future - one where we would have unrestricted access to truth but no one would care. Turns out, Huxley's prediction was right. In our passage today, Paul calls us to care, or as he put it, to "look carefully" at our lives and to become wise.

## **SERMON OUTLINE:**

### **Distracted by Information**

The truth has been drowned into a sea of irrelevance.

### **The Call For Wisdom**

Imitate God by walking in wisdom.

### **Look Carefully**

The wise use their time well, seek God's will, and are filled with the Spirit.  
Paul views active participation in the church as walking in wisdom.

### **Become Wise**

Practice listening to God's voice.

Release control, and go where the Spirit leads you.

## **THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:**

- As Christians, how can we navigate the sea of information and ensure that we prioritize God's truth over the world's distractions?
- What does it mean to "imitate God by walking in wisdom" in our modern context?
- Discuss practical ways to "look carefully" at our lives in order to walk in wisdom.
- How can we balance the use of our time to align with God's will in the midst of our busy lives?
- Read Eph 5:9-21 again. Did Paul's four applications of what it looks like to walk in wisdom surprise you? If so, why?
- How can we actively practice listening to God's voice in our daily lives?
- In what areas of your life do you struggle with releasing control and allowing the Spirit to lead?