



Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

4/19/2026

Title of Sermon: Becoming Children of Light

Main Point of Sermon: Because we are beloved children of God and now light in the Lord, we must reject counterfeit loves and walk as children of light through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Summary of Sermon: Ephesians 5 calls believers to live in light of their identity. As God's beloved children, we are to imitate Him—walking in love like Christ. But Paul contrasts this with “disordered loves” like sexual immorality, greed, and corrupt speech, which are distortions of true love. These sins are not just behaviors to manage but darkness to discern, reject, and expose. Christians are no longer darkness but light in the Lord, and are called to live accordingly. Paul then gives a strategy for fighting sin: discern what pleases God, take no part in darkness, expose sin, walk wisely, and be filled with the Spirit

Launching Question:

- As beloved children, we are to imitate our Father. What's something you picked up from your family growing up—habits, phrases, or traits?
- Where do you see the world's definition of “love” most clearly today and how are they distortions of God's love?

Primary Scripture: Ephesians 5:3-19

Discussion Questions:

1. Ephesians 1-3 is focused on our identity in Christ (who we are). Ephesians 4-6 is about how we live as Christians (what we do in light of who we are). Why does identity come before behavior? Why is this order critically to our understanding of the gospel?
2. How does Paul define counterfeit or “disordered” love in verses 3–4? How do these particular sins distort Gods love?
3. What are the two warnings in verses 5–6, and why are they so serious? How have you tended towards giving “empty words of deceit” rather than the hard truths of judgment and condemnation for sin?
4. What does it mean that we “were darkness” but are now “light in the Lord” (v.8)?
5. Walk through the five strategies Paul gives (vv.10–18). Which one stands out most to you and why?
 - a. Discern what is pleasing of the Lord (5:10)
 - b. Take no part in darkness (5:11)
 - c. Expose the darkness (5:11-14)
 - d. Walk wisely with urgency (5:15-17)



e. Be filled with the Spirit (5:18)

Application Questions:

6. Where are you most tempted toward “disordered love” (lust, greed, selfishness, speech)?
7. Are there areas where you are “managing sin” instead of putting it to death?
8. What does it practically look like for you to “take no part in darkness” this week?
9. How can you become more intentional about discerning what pleases the Lord daily?
10. In what ways are you wasting time that could be “redeemed” for God’s purposes?
11. What would it look like for you to be more consistently “filled with the Spirit” in your everyday life?

Prayer Focus:

- Ask God to reorder your loves—to love what He loves and reject counterfeit loves.
- Pray for courage to expose sin and walk in the light with honesty and repentance.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and empower you to live as a child of light this week.