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Mission Group Discussion Questions

Series: Identity - Who You Are in Christ
Title: The New Life as Light
Passage: Ephesians 5:8-14
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Discussion Starter: As a kid, did you ever hide an embarrassing secret from your parents or peers? Why do you think your instinct was to hide it rather than expose it?

Read Ephesians 5:8-10

1. Ephesians 5:8 says, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” What does Paul mean when he says we were darkness but now we are light?

2. Walking as lights in this world is not accomplished by simply following a list of rules. Jesus is the light of the World. Think about how He responded to the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8:1-11). What does His response show us about being a light in a dark world?

3. When your sin is exposed before Jesus, what is your natural response - to hide it, justify it, minimize it, or simply ask for forgiveness? Why is bringing our sin to Jesus the best place for us to be?

4. As a light, God wants you to shine wherever you are! Read Matthew 5:14-16 out loud. Share with the group how you are living this out in your everyday life, and where do you need God’s help to make changes?

5. As you shine for Christ and people notice your good fruit, what temptation can that create and how can you guard against it?

6. When you walk in the light, the transforming character of Christ is revealed to those around you. What a privilege and responsibility! Think about the unbelievers God has placed in your life. In what ways are they able to see Christ through the way you live? In what ways are they not? See Galatians 5:22-23

7. Verse 10 tells us to “find out what is acceptable to the Lord.” How do we do that in the decisions and circumstances of every day life?

Read Ephesians 5:11-14

8. What does it mean to expose unfruitful works of darkness?

9. Read John 3:19-21. It is common to hide our sin rather than bring it into the light. How does bringing our sin to the light diminish its power in our lives?

10. Verse 14 states “Therefore, He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” Think of your own life. Where is God is calling you to wake up? (your marriage, your parenting, your understanding of God’s ways, your vision for your life, your relationship with Jesus, etc)