

Review:

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Being Light Ephesians 5:1-14

Our very identity as Christ followers, i.e., the single characteristic central to all we are becoming, is our _____ for each other. It is how the world should be able to recognize us as Christians.

Discussion 1. If you could only choose one characteristic for which the church today is best known in our world today, what would it be? If you were going to do your part to make the church known by its sacrificial love, where would you start? What “next step” would you take for yourself?

It is not sinful behavior on the outside that produces a dark heart on the inside; it is the pre-existing _____ on the inside which produces sinful behavior on the outside. Spiritual transformation begins with the heart.

Discussion 2. If you struggle with an ongoing sin, does that mean you are not saved? Are there other possible explanations? If there are multiple possible explanations, then how do you discern which is true for you?

We don't try harder to be a light to the world in order to justify ourselves before God; as Christ followers, we walk in the light because He is in the light, and we are _____ in God's eyes.

Discussion 3. We walk in the light because He is in the light, and we are just walking with Him. How is that different from trying to walk in the light in order to earn God's favor? Why is this distinction important?

Being the light of the world entails two different roles: (1) highlighting truth to show the way forward and (2) _____ as the obstacles to progress which they are.

Discussion 4. Do you think “being light” in your family or community is harder than people think, or is it easier than people think? Explain your thoughts.