

Wake Up! (Ephesians 5:1-14)

Intro: It is so easy to think like the world, talk like the world, and be like the world...but that just won't do. God says, "Wake up!"

1. Walk In Love

vs. 1-5

--In Self-Sacrificing Virtue (vs. 1-2)

- like **CHRIST**
- as an **OFFERING** to God

--Not in Self-Centered Vices (vs. 3-5)

➤ ungodly **CONDUCT**

- immorality
- impurity
- greed

➤ ungodly **SPEECH**

- filthiness
- foolish talk
- coarse jesting

2. Walk in the Light

vs. 6-14

➤ Don't be **DECEIVED** (vs. 6-8)

➤ Be **DILIGENT** (vs. 9-10)

➤ Be **DIFFERENT** (vs. 11-13)

➤ Don't Be **DAYDREAMING** (v.14)

Wake Up! (CONNECT questions for 5/5)

--Read Ephesians 5:1-14

1. How do you think this world's culture is influencing believers the most...in a negative way? Materialism? Sensuality? Spiritual lethargy? Self-gratification? Busyness? Hopelessness? Other?

2. We are commanded in vs. 1-2 to imitate God, focusing on the pattern of Christ, who is God in the flesh. In what ways was Christ's life affected by the pressures of cultural currents mentioned in question #1?

Is it really possible for us who are flesh to imitate God who is... well, God? Explain.

3. What should a person do if their job, or schooling or even their home life puts them in such an ungodly culture (esp. in regards to immorality and vulgar speech) that the "current" seems overpowering and irresistible?

4. What is God saying to us in v. 6 "Let no one deceive you with empty words"?

5. What is the right way to "expose" deeds of darkness? Consider v. 13 in formulating your answer.