

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	<b>Rooted</b>
Sermon Title	Living in a Different World
Bible Texts	Ephesians 5:8-14
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### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

- Question 1: In a galaxy far, far away... Have you ever experienced a time when you found yourself somewhere that was strange and unfamiliar to you? How did you manage to get along in your new surroundings?
- Question 2: Did you experience any immediate changes in your life or outlook, whether big or small, when you first became a follower of Jesus?
- Question 3: Paul challenges us to live as a child of light. What struggles do you have living up to this today?

### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

- Question 4: Verse 8 says that before Christ we were not in the darkness, we were darkness. Now, we are light in the Lord. In what did you find your identity before you were a Christian? How would you describe your identity now? What evidence of either identity do you see in your life?
- Question 5: What stands out to you regarding a believer's changed status as you read Colossians 1:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:5 and 1 Peter 2:9?
- Question 6: What do you learn from Jesus' teaching in John 8:12?
- Question 7: What does living as children of light look like (v 9)?
- Question 8: How would you describe each of these three things (v 9), and why is each one essential to being true spiritual light in the world?
- Question 9: Paul urges his readers to find out what pleases the Lord. What directions are given in Psalm 51:17 and 147:11, as well as Hebrews 11:6 and 13:15-16 to help a believer to please God?
- Question 10: What is a Bible verse that has helped you understand how to please God? Explain how this verse has encouraged your faith.
- Question 11: According to Ephesians 5:11-13, what are believers called to do with deeds of darkness?
- Question 12: According to verses 13-17, how does being light help dispel the darkness of this world?
- Question 13: What did Jesus say about this in John 3:20? Why is being light in a dark place so powerful?

Question 14: Ephesians 5:11 tells us, “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” What are some right and wrong ways to expose “fruitless deeds of darkness”? Why?

Question 15: How are we to relate to those who are in darkness?

### DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 16: What will you do to “find out what pleases the Lord” this week? (v 10)

Question 17: What’s an example of goodness, righteousness or truth that has come into your life since you came to Christ? What would others say?

Question 18: Describe how goodness, righteousness, and truth are attributes of God. Why should they also be attributes of his children?

Question 19: How do we relate to those who sincerely think their lives are just fine the way they are and see no need for God and His Son? What would it take for God to reach a person like that? What part could we play?

Question 20: “Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

What does this phrase mean in your own words? Why might God want us to wake from sleep?