

26 February 2023 Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

“Live Wisely in the Fear of the LORD Using the Time God Gives” Ephesians 5:15-21

1. What is the quality that describes how Christians should live (v. 15)?
2. How are the people of God to use their time (v. 16a)?
3. Why are Christians to use their time wisely (v. 16b)?
4. What characteristic should NOT describe a follower of Christ (v. 17a)?
5. About what must every Christian have understanding and insight (v. 17b)?
6. What is not fitting for a Christian that involves drinking wine (v. 18a)? Why (v. 18b)?
7. Instead of being excessively filled with wine, what is a Christian to do (v. 18c)?
8. What four ways are identified as marks of being filled in the Spirit (vv. 19-21)?
9. What kinds of songs are God’s people to sing (v. 19a)?
10. How are Christians to address one another and sing to the Lord (v. 19b)?
11. For what things are followers of Jesus to give thanks (v. 20a)?
12. When are Christians to be thankful and express it (v. 20a)?
13. Why should Christians be people who submit (v. 21b)?

14. How do you think that many Christians try to find the will of God for their lives?
15. What problems are inherent when isolating a particular verse or verses of Scripture and then personalizing it to fit your specific situation in life?
16. Can you think of an example of a text of Scripture that is generally taken out of context to mean or to speak to an issue that it is not intended to address?
17. What is meant by the “preceptive will” of God?
18. What is meant by the “decretive will” of God?
19. Identify the following as either an example of the preceptive will of God or the decretive will of God: a) The Ten Commandments; b) the calling of the Apostle Paul; c) who your spouse is; d) being chaste and pure physically before marriage; e) two feet of snow in Denver, Colorado.
20. How do you know God’s will for your life?
21. What strategies or techniques have been suggested for Christians to help discover God’s plan for the details of their lives?
22. Does general revelation (creation) reveal God’s will?
23. Can you miss out on realizing God’s will for your life?
24. What kind of course or curriculum would you design to teach others how to know God’s will for their lives?
25. How can you know whether or not it is God’s will that He save you from your sins?