Ephesians: God's Grace for Us We Have Light

1. <u>Imitate</u> God and live a life filled with love. <i>Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do. Ephesians 5:1.</i> Ephesians 1:5; Ephesians 5:1-2; James 1:27
2. Shine the light and do what is right. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Ephesians 5:10 Ephesians 5:5-10
3. <u>Invest</u> my life wisely into people. <i>Understand what the</i> Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:1 Ephesians 5:15-20; Ephesians 5:16-17

In this series "Ephesians: God's Grace to Us", we are going to SOAP our way through Ephesians. That means for our reading guide, every day there will be just a few verses from Ephesians to meditate on. We will do that by SOAPing. This works best if you have a journal, where each day you:

S- Scripture: Write out each verse

O- Observation: Write out what the verse is saying. You can use a commentary for this.

A- Application: Write out how the verse applies to my life, how does this truth impact me?

P- Prayer: Pray for God to work this truth deep into my mind and heart.

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Ephesians 5:15-17 Ephesians 5:18-21 Ephesians 5:22-24 Ephesians 5:25-27 Ephesians 5:28-29 Ephesians 5:30-32 Ephesians 5:33

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does it mean to imitate God?
 In what ways are you sacrificing in order to love people?
- 2. Discuss what greed looks like (worshiping the things of this world) when there are children who need to be fed and cared for. What daily things do we enjoy that might be considered greed, taking into account the needs of others.
- 3. When it comes to investing in the care of orphans, what are you doing?
- 4. Do you have an idea of what the Lord wants you to do? Share.

