

READING GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 4:30–5:2

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. How does our passage this week tie into our verse last week? What words does Paul use to show his continuation of thought?
2. In whom are we sealed for the day of redemption? Re-read Ephesians 1:11-14.
3. What sins does Paul list that grieve the Holy Spirit? Take some time to define those sins.
4. Instead of telling the believers what not to do, Paul focuses in on what they should do in verses 32 and following. What does he instruct? Take a moment to flesh those out.
5. Paul gives a reasoning for the “why” behind these specific instructions. What is his reasoning? In other words, whose example should we be following?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. How would you describe the hope that you have, as a believer, in being sealed with the Holy Spirit? What is the day of redemption?
2. Based on what you have learned so far in Ephesians, why would these specific sins grieve the Holy Spirit of God?
3. How does knowing that we are forgiven in Christ because He gave Himself for us propel you to walk in love towards others?
4. Where does your life not imitate God? What are next steps for you in repentance and seeking forgiveness of God (and others) in those areas?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- » Thank you, Father, for sealing us with the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance, to the praise of Your glory.
- » Pardon us, Lord, when we fall into temptation and sin against You, grieving Your Holy Spirit.
- » Grant us Your strength to put away these sins that we may put on the new self and be imitators of God.
- » Empower us to walk in love toward others because Christ first gave Himself up for us.