



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sermon Based Small Group Plan
November 5, 2017
Sermon Title: “Wake Up!”
Preaching: Pastor Kristy LaBarge
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3 & Ephesians 5:8-20

Isaiah 60:1 “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

Ephesians 5:8-9 “For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.”

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Opening Questions: What do you like best about a parade: bands? Floats? Military displays? Have you ever felt tingles down your spine of pride or joy during such an event? Describe it.

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

Isaiah 60:1-3

1. How intense will that coming light become (look also at 60:19-20)? What does the prophet mean by this?
2. How does this song parallel the whole movement of the Christian’s experience from conversion, to spiritual growth, to eternity with Christ?
3. Where in the range of “dull” (v2) to “dazzle” (v5) are you this week?
4. What aspects of the Christian life have lost their shine since your salvation? Which have gained new sparkle? What can help you shine more brightly?

Ephesians 5:8-20

1. In 4:1, Paul urges us to model our lives in accordance with our high calling as God’s people. In 5:1 what is the model he holds up for us? How about in 5:8? In 5:15? What incentives does he give in 5:2-21 to live according to these models?
2. What contrasts does he draw between the old and new life in 5:15-21? What is the difference between “being careful how live” (v15) and being a total bore?
3. In summary, what sights, sounds, feelings, attitudes, and actions describe a person living out this new life?

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for Pastor Charles in his new interim opportunity in Costa Mesa, CA.
- Pray for Pastor Dave and his family as they get ready to join us on November 27.
- Pray for Darv Howell, Gary Pate and Elmer Orloff.
- Pray for yourself, your neighbors, your loved ones, your enemies

Leader notes:

- Moment for Stewardship on November 5. Our Stewardship Theme this year is “New Beginnings.” Commitment Sunday is November 12.
- One service, November 19 at 10am. Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled and dedicated.
- November 27 – Pastor Dave’s first day!