

# **11 CALIFORNIANS**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## **SIX: HARMONY**

**Either with a group or on your own, use the following questions to explore Bible passages and apply insights from the video session.**

What stood out to you from the video?

**Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

1. Describe a time when you felt “unequally yoked” with someone, perhaps at work or at school. What was it like to have someone who couldn’t quite pull the same weight as you? What was it like to work with someone who wasn’t on the same page?

2. Is it possible to follow Christ and have friends who do not follow Christ? Why or why not?

3. Why does Paul assume that people who do not believe in Jesus are actually worshippers of idols? Is it possible as a person to simply worship nothing?

4. What is a good reason to set up a boundary with another person? What is a bad reason?

5. What would you tell people who have separated themselves completely from nonbelievers? If they read this verse to you as a reason for their behavior, how would you explain that they were misunderstanding it?

6. How can we effectively show the love of Christ to those who have not accepted it while maintaining healthy boundaries?

**Read Ephesians 5:1-14**

7. After speaking about how we need to avoid partnering with those who disobey the Lord, Paul speaks about how all of us used to live in darkness. Why does he bring this up? What is he hinting at?

8. Describe a person who lives as a child of the light. How can we expose the deeds of darkness in the world while showing the love of Christ to the world?



## DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

### Read 1 Corinthians 15:33

9. Why do we keep friends who are not good for us?

10. Why does “bad company” seek to mislead us? What is in it for them?

## A PRAYER OF HOLINESS

During the Christian life, many of us need to remember that we are called to be holy and to live a life worthy of God. However, in that process, many of us may become entrapped in a spiral of guilt and shame and focus only on the wrongs we have committed in this life. The purpose of this exercise is to approach the holiness of God with a clean heart without falling into a spiral of guilt or shame.

1. As you begin your prayer, breathe in and out and focus on the following words from Isaiah 6:3, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

2. Imagine you are standing in the throne room of God. The intensity of His holiness and glory surrounds you. In your hands, you carry a lamp. Its light is flickering and almost gone. To your side, you see Jesus standing next to you. He takes your lamp and says, “No matter how dim the flame gets, I will always help you light it again.” He breathes life into the flame, and the lamp glows with a golden light. Thank the Lord for allowing His light to shine in you.

3. Imagine you are standing together with Christ before the darkness of the world. In your hand, you carry your lamp, which is bursting with light. How do you feel about the darkness before you? Speak to the Lord about your task of being a light to the world and what you must do next.

4. Finish your prayer by thanking the Lord for His holiness and His light and His love. Pay attention to how God’s holiness makes you feel after this prayer.

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***When you are with Christ,  
you are part of a symphony,  
playing the song of salvation.  
When we open our mouths,  
we are singing the good news.***

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