

# Journey CHURCH

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## Leader Guide Session 5

### WATCH

Play the video for session five. As you watch, use the following notes to record any thoughts, questions, or key points that stand out to you.

### NOTES

Followers of Christ are called to lead godly lives, which includes reflecting Jesus' qualities in our relationships with others.

Godliness requires us to examine our identity in Christ. Regardless of our family background, past mistakes, or current season in life, we are all valuable in God's eyes. We belong to Him,

We are also pilgrims on a journey with Christ. As citizens of heaven, earth is not our home. We are just passing through in our mortal bodies in pursuit of our eternal destination.

We are God's platform in this world His pulpit for proclaiming the life-saving message of Christ. God chose us to serve as His ambassadors as part of a body known as the church.

When we realize we are God's platform, it compels us to carry out our assignment in His kingdom. As we reflect the traits of godliness in our life and as we practice radical kindness, we draw those in the outside world to Christ.

In Ephesians 4:25-32, Paul provides us with seven truths that instruct and illustrate the way we should interact with others:

- We forge our friendships with trust
- We free our relationships from anger
- We feed the hungry
- We fortify others with our words
- We release bitterness from our spirit
- We find new ways to practice kindness
- We forgive others as Christ forgave us

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We can truly make an eternal difference in the lives of others when we offer them "a cup of cold water"-showing them love, care, and mercy-in the name of Christ.

## DISCUSS

Take a few minutes with your group members to discuss what you just watched and explore these concepts in Scripture. Use the following questions to help guide your discussion.

1. Peter states that believers are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" (1 Peter 2:9). What does it mean to be one of God's "own special people"? What does this reveal about the way God sees your worth?
2. Why is it so important to remember that heaven not earth-is your home and your ultimate destination? How does this truth motivate you to lead a godly life?
3. How does knowing that you serve as God's ambassador influence your decisions on a daily basis? How should this truth affect your thoughts, words, actions, and habits?
4. God calls His children to forge their friendships with truth and free their relationships from anger. Why do you think He stresses this point? In what ways have you found this challenging to do in all of your relationships?
5. How are you fortifying others with your words? Do others see godliness reflected in your texts, chats, comments, tweets, blogs, and emails as well as your words and actions in person? Why or why not?
6. Who has crossed your path recently with whom you feel drawn to share God's love? How have you shown them who God is through your interactions?