

High Society

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Ephesians 5.8-20

15 Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

- What's been your experience of Bristol's drug taking culture, if any?
- What things in the passage strike you as immediately applicable to us here in Bristol?
- Paul doesn't judge the people but instead tells them to understand God's will. How can we help others to understand this?
- When we choose to ignore God's will for our lives, we are only being selfish. Discuss.
- What does it mean to be a child of the light?

Pray together in smaller groups. Be honest and open about your own experiences and history in this area, and pray for each other to be wise and able to understand things well.

Pray for Bristol as a city, particularly the tens of thousands of students, for whom drugs is an increasing issue to grapple with. Pray for a change in the culture and morality of the city. Pray for people to reject false highs and look to Jesus instead.

Finally, pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit. Pray for each other, that the Spirit of Jesus, who was beloved by sinners and life and soul of the party, would fill you and shine through you – even in the dark places.