### + GOD'S BLUEPRINTS FOR HIS CHURCH +

### Discussion Guide - Ephesians 5:1-6:9 - Imitators of God

#### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris taught us in the sixth week of Ephesians, how to become imitators of God. Scripture teaches us to walk in love in situations by sacrificing our wants and desires for others. As children of light, we are to expose the dark places of this world. Lastly, we are to be filled with the Spirit at all times, living that lifestyle out loud and in love towards one another.

#### **Make It Practical**

- Singing praise with one another to the Lord
- · Give thanks for all things in life
- Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ

## "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."

**Ephesians 5:1** 

## Talk About It

- 1. What does it mean to "walk in the way of love" in v.2?
- 2. What virtues and practices from this passage should we pursue as people of the light?
- 3. What does it mean to expose the works of darkness (v.11)? How might we do that today?
- 4. What are the effects of being "filled with the Spirit"? How have you personally experienced them?
- 5. What does it mean to "submit to one another" (v.21)?
- 6. Why do you think that Paul described the relationship of a husband and wife first? What can we learn from this section?
- 7. What relationship principles can we discover from 6:1-9?

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# "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ" Ephesians 5:21

# **Prayer**

Jesus, help us to become imitators of you, walking in love, as children of light, filled with the Spirit. Show us how to love people well, making things more about others than ourselves. Show us how to submit to one another, because we first love you. In Your name, Amen.

# **Scriptures Used**

Ephesians 5:1-6:9	