



Scriptures for further study

1 John 1:9 | 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 | Luke 6:32-36

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. v32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. v2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1. Read Ephesians 4:31 – 5:2 (above). What words come to mind that relate to love and forgiveness in the context of your spiritual journey? In one sentence, what was your biggest take away from this message?
2. In verse 31, Paul says to put away ALL bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and slander, along with ALL malice. Why? Dr. Corts referred to this verse as the unseen power of being wronged in relationships. Are there other effects of being wronged in a relationship? How do you know if you have been wronged? Are there consequences to not putting away these things?
3. Dr. Corts discussed the unconditional priority of being right in relationships (verse 32). If Jesus can forgive us, then there is nothing for which we should not forgive another person. Jesus taught us how he forgave; therefore, we are to be quick to forgive others (Matt. 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35). What does this say about forgiveness? Do you need to forgive anyone? Are you in right standing with all your relationships? Why not?
4. In chapter 5 verse 1, we are told to imitate God. How do we imitate Him? How did we become His children? How do we love and forgive like the Father? How do we love and forgive like the Son?
5. Paul commands us to love others as Jesus loved us (5:2). Does this seem like an impossible task, or does this give you hope? How did Jesus model both horizontal and vertical love? How can we live wronged and stay right?
6. Dr. Corts said in his message that “our love is meant to be legendary.” In the context of love and forgiveness, what is one thing you can do this week to be an example of legendary love?