



Life Group Discussion—January 24, 2024

Ephesians 4:31-5:2—Christ In Your Heart to Serve Others

Ephesians 4:31–5:2 (ESV) — ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **5** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

TWO RELATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

1. BE GRACIOUS TO ONE ANOTHER AS GOD HAS BEEN TOWARD YOU (31–32)

Before this message would you have considered yourself a gracious person? How would you have defined being gracious and has that definition changed?

In what ways have you justified the sin of bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, or malice in your life?

What is the difference between superficial peace and biblical peace in a relationship?

What are some ways that have kept you from being gracious towards others? How should a relationship with Jesus Christ transform your relationships?

Do you find it easier to be kind toward someone but not tender-hearted?

2. BE LOVING TO ONE ANOTHER AS GOD HAS BEEN TOWARD YOU (5:1-2)

Consider ways your adoption as sons and daughters of God should motivate you and restrain you in your relationships.

How does the knowledge that you sin against the Lord, even after salvation, transform your love towards others?

Which person is there, or to be more specific which face came to mind, that you should consider that you haven't been gracious and loving towards? What could you do in that relationship, as an obligation to the Lord, to work on it in a manner that is pleasing to God?