

GROWTH GROUP STUDY

REFLECT

1. *When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? Were there people in your life that you tried to imitate?*

2. *Now, flash forward to the present. Who are some of the role models in your life today? Who do you seek to imitate in the different areas of your life?*
 - Relationships
 - Parenting
 - Spiritual Life
 - Evangelism
 - Suffering

ENCOUNTER

Throughout the New Testament we see, time and time again, the Bible attesting to its own sufficiency. The doctrine of the Sufficiency of Scripture affirms that the Bible is all we need to be equipped for a life of godliness. We also see, in many places, that one of the ways God uses his word in our lives is through the example of godly men and women. Read the verse below with the following questions in mind.

3. *What makes a person's life worthy of imitation?*

4. *What makes a person's life unworthy of imitation?*

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5. *In each of these passages, what does the writer tell the reader to imitate and what does he warn against?*
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
 - Hebrews 13:7-9
 - 3 John 11-12
 - Philippians 3:12-19
6. *What are the two commands Paul gives in Phil 3:17?*
7. *What is the reason for Paul giving these commands?*

TRANSFORM

At the end of the day, each of us will be influenced by someone. We all have people in our lives we tend to imitate. The question is: are you imitating the right people? Consider the people you typically imitate. Are the people you choose to imitate pushing you toward or away from Christlikeness?

8. *Who in this church would you consider an excellent person to imitate? What steps will you take to get to know them better?*
9. *What about you? Is your life one worth imitating? What steps do you need to take to become a better role model for others?*
10. *This week take some time to thank the godly role models in your life for living a life worth imitating.*