

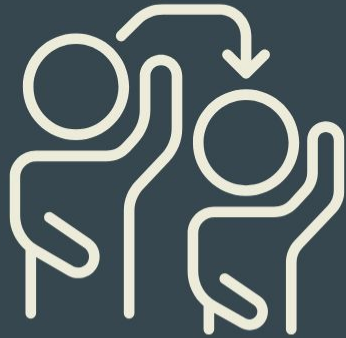
What's something you did once just to fit in / not stand out?

1 Peter 5:8-9 ESV

⁸ *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your **family of believers** (NIV) throughout the world.*

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IMITATORS



EPHESIANS 5:1-6

Ephesians 4 Main Points

- Maintain the **unity** of the Spirit
- God sends his servants to cultivate **unity**
- Put off your old self and live a **new life in Christ**
- Living this new life in Christ, **love and sharpen others**

Key Themes:

Unity and New Life

Ephesians 5 ESV

¹ 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.

Christ is the ultimate example for us to imitate

Ephesians 5 ESV

*³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, **but instead let there be thanksgiving.***

A posture of gratitude transforms our behavior and desires

Ephesians 5 ESV

*⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, **an idolater**), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

Ephesians 5 ESV

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

This world and the idols in it cannot satisfy us

Small Group Questions

- What's something you complain about that you could turn into thankfulness?
- What's an "empty word" (worldly affirmation) that makes you feel good?
- Why do we often imitate people around us even when they might not be the best examples?
- Is there a temptation you need to flee from?
- We often struggle to make personal time with God because other activities are more satisfying while it doesn't necessarily "feel good" to read the Bible or pray. But have you had "feel good" moments with God where He truly satisfied you?