

Worth Following

July 19, 2026

Ephesians 5:1 (LSB) | 1 Corinthians 11:1 (LSB)
"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."
"Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."

BIG IDEA

He is worth following. He is worth imitating.

KEY POINTS

The Greek word Paul uses is *mimētēs* (mim-ay-TACE), the root of our English word *mimic*. It means imitator, one who patterns themselves after another and reflects the character and conduct of their model.

Paul does not ground the call to imitate God in performance. He grounds it in identity. as beloved children. The call is not to earn something. It is to look like who you already belong to.

In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul places himself in a chain of reflection. Christ is the source. Paul reflects Christ. The church reflects Paul. That chain runs all the way to the people watching your life right now.

You are already an imitator. The question has never been whether you would imitate. The question has always been who.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. Who are the people who have shaped you most? What did they model for you, and how does that still show up in your life today?
2. If everyone in your home or church imitated your daily habits and character, what would that environment look like?
3. Who in your life is someone you can follow the way Paul described, someone whose life points clearly toward Christ?
4. What is one specific area where you want your consistent self, not your best self, to more clearly reflect Christ?

*Your life is already being reproduced in the people around you.
The only question is whether what they are imitating is worth following.*

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: No Velocity this Wednesday.

Gravity: Gravity will resume this fall.

Today's Songs

Praise.....Elevation Worship

Worthy.....Elevation Worship

Honey in the Rock.....Branden Lake

Look Up Lodge

We have 24 kids and 6 adults going to Look Up Lodge this upcoming week. Vans leave the church at 8:30 Tuesday morning. Have fun!

Promotion Sunday is August 2nd

Kids going to pre-school this fall move from The Beginner Class to KidsJAM. See parent letter at Beginner Desk.

Splash in the Boro for GCC is August 2nd

Cost is \$15 per person or \$45 per family. You pay at the gate as you enter. Snack Shack will be open. This is a great event to get a family you know to meet our church.

Baptism Service

August 16. Use the Communication Card if you have questions or would like to participate.