"Imitators of God"

Ephesians 5:1-17 Study Guide

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Background and Theme

- **1.** Author: The Apostle Paul
- 2. Audience: The church in Ephesus

3. Theme of Ephesians: Christ and the Church

- The Church Sitting in Christ (Ephesians 1-3)
- The Church Walking in Christ (Ephesians 4-6:9)
- The Church Standing in Christ (Ephesians 6:10-24)

I. Walk in Love

II. Walk in Light

- Key Word: Fornication "porneia" (Greek)
- Meaning: Any form of sexual sin and immorality

Verses Referenced: John 13:34-35, Romans 12:1, 1st John 1:5-7

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1. Paul calls for all believers to imitate the Lord in love first. Why do you think He started with love instead of holiness, purity, or any other attributes of the Lord?
- 2. Paul says of the believer, "you were once darkness," which brings more weight to the lostness and sinfulness of mankind before Christ. Do you think using that type of language in our witnessing to others would bring more weight to our lost and sinful state? Why or why not?
- 3. Paul talks at length on sexual sin in these verses. Where else in the Bible do we find verses that discourage sexual immorality and encourage walking in purity before the Lord?
- 4. Paul uses strong language to condemn sexual immorality, much stronger than the world, and much of the church even, does today. What steps can you take to make sure you don't practice, or support sexual immorality in your own life or in the world today?
- 5. Paul calls the church to expose works of darkness. How can you effectively do that, while at the same time showing the love of Christ?

This week, re-read Ephesians 5:1-17 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these verses with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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