



ephesians together

Review

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

Main Points:

1. **Who are we/what God thinks of us** – we are beloved children
2. **What do we do/what God expects of us** – imitate Him: in how we love, what we hate, and everything in between.

Reflect

Read Ephesians 5:1-21.

Questions:

1. What do you think is more impressive, your current resume or future eulogy?
2. **Focus on verse 1.** What comes to mind when God thinks of us? What's the first word that pops into your head? Read Matthew 3:16-17. How would you describe the love that the Father has for Jesus? Why is that such good news for us too?
3. Like a child imitates his Father, we are called to imitate God. What is something you know and can do because of your Father? What is something all Christians should know how to do?
4. **Focus on verse 2.** What does it mean to walk in love, and how do you confuse love with other things? Mike shared the story of the woman who forgave the shooter of her mother Charleston, SC. How does that shape our definition of love? By looking at you love, do you think people could tell that you are a child of God? Sometimes we can be known for other things than love – what do you think those are, and why are we known for them?
5. **Focus on verse 8.** What does it mean to be children of light, especially considering v. 3-4? How do we learn to hate darkness and imitate God in this way?
6. **Focus on verses 15-16.** What is the best use of your time? How do you normally think about it, and what stands out in this passage?

Respond

Application.

The overarching idea of this passage is love – we are beloved children – and we are to love like Christ as loved us. If love is sacrificial, and pure love is in the context of conflict, what does it look like for you imitate God in this way in your everyday life?

Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together.

Dig Deeper

If you have time.

Read Ephesians 5:15-21.

Main Points:

1. In verse 18 it talks about the difference between being full of alcohol and full of the Spirit of God. What does that comparison teach you about the role of the Spirit in our lives?
2. In verse 19 it talks about the priority of worship and singing to each other. What does that say about the weekend service, and why do you think it's so important?
3. In verse 21 it uses the word that no one like – submit. How would you define that word, what is the benefit of submission, and who is this command for?

Announcements

Please share with your group! Encourage them to visit the CCC website to sign up or to get more information

1. **CCC 101:** Another session of CCC 101 kicks off on November 7, for three weeks. To discover what that means, get familiar with our church doctrine, and become a member, find out more and sign-up at ccchapel.com/CCC101.
2. **CCC Members** can sign up online for **Serve 101** on Wednesday, November 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class is designed to help you understand how you are wired, what your passions are and how you can best use your gifts to serve inside and outside of CCC.
3. **re | engage** has open sessions on the first Monday of the month. Join us for November 5 for all couples who want to invest in a marriage that will thrive. The group meets from 6:15-8 p.m. to hear testimonies and encourage one another through God's word.

Don't forget to edit a few scripture references in your devotional:

- p. 101 (week 9, day 4): Philippians 2:3-8 should be Matthew 19:4-9. The question following it is correct.
- p. 109 (week 10, day 2): Philippians 2:3-8 should be Genesis 3:1-21. The question following it is correct.