



STUDY GUIDE

THE WALK 04.11.21

[set up]

What is at least one behavior trait you see in yourself that you picked up from your parents?

[digging deeper]

Read Ephesians 5:1-6.

What does verse one tell us to do?

Brainstorm for a minute by filling in the blank: “God is _____.”

If we are to imitate God, then these are traits He has given us the ability to reflect in our own life. Which one from the list you just built do you affirm that God has grown in you? Which one are you struggling to reflect in your life?

When you consider how Jesus loves us, how do you think we are supposed to love others?

Read these verses:

1 John 4:7-8

1 John 4:16

John 15:12-13

What additional insights do you see that connects the way Christ loves us to the way we are supposed to love others?

Notice in the passage that a follower of Christ is to have no hint of sexual immorality as they try to walk in love. Why do you think God put forth walking in sexual immorality as the great contrast to walking in love?

Have you ever thought about how walking in sexual immorality is unloving? How does that change our understanding of humanity’s struggle with sexual purity and immoral sexual behavior?

Why is the way we think, speak, and behave with regards to sex such an indicator of whether we are in Christ, surrendered to Christ, and reflecting Christ’s love? How are they connected?

Does verse 5 teach us that anyone who messes up sexually loses their salvation and goes to hell? How do you distinguish between sexual mistakes and a life characterized by sexual immorality?

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[living it out]

To live this out we are repeating the homework and questions from Sunday.

Ask others this week (or share your answers if you have done this already): “How does the way I love others imitate God?”

Share your answer to this question: “One way I can grow in the way I walk in love/imitate God’s love is...”

Optional exercise: The LifeGroup leader gives everyone a 3 x 5 card. Write your name at the top. Pass the cards around your LifeGroup, write down how you see this person reflect God’s love and then hand it back to them when everyone has had a chance to share on the card.

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