

Sermon Discussion

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Icebreaker: Who's your favorite person to imitate?

Ephesians: More than a Makeover

Walk This Way

Ephesians 5:1-2

1. You need to know God's command is grounded in His own example!
2. You have no right to withhold forgiveness from anyone – because Christ didn't withhold it from you.
3. You need to walk in love by giving, not getting – just as Christ gave Himself for you.

Sermon Discussion:

1. When do you feel justified holding on to bitterness? How do you try to defend it in your mind?
 - a. Where do you see signs of bitterness lingering in your heart?
2. What's an area of your life where you know you're not imitating God's character right now?
 - a. What steps could you take to grow and change?
3. How do you struggle to relate to God as a beloved Child?
 - a. What does it look like to be child-like in your faith?
 - i. How is this different than childish?
4. What is the difference between extending forgiveness to someone and believing them to be trustworthy?
 - a. How would you describe what it really means to forgive?
 - b. What is evidence that you have truly forgiven someone rather than just said the words "I forgive you"?
5. When we struggle or refuse to forgive what does say about you truly believe about yourself and the gospel?
6. Do you believe you're more forgiven than you'll ever have to forgive? How does that belief show up in how you treat others? If not, what do you find most difficult about accepting this reality?
7. Pastor Peter said that loving others will cost you. In what relationship are you hoping to be served rather than to serve? How might Jesus be calling you to flip that?
8. Who do you still need to extend forgiveness to and what would it mean to do so?