



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 9/04/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 9/18/2022
TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:1-7

WALK IN LOVE

I. WHAT IS LOVE? (vs. 2)

A. God is love.

B. The Characteristics of God's love.

1. God's love is voluntary.
2. God's love is unselfish.
3. God's love is righteous.
4. God's love is giving and sacrificial.
5. God's love is eternal.

C. God's love is demonstrated in the gospel and manifested by Christ's death.

II. LOVE IS NOT (vss. 3-5)

A. Fornication & uncleanness. (vs. 3)

B. Any expression not fitting to God. (vs. 3)

C. A joke (vs. 4)

D. Covetous (vs. 5)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Ephesians 5:1-2.** According to these 2 verses, what are children of God to imitate and why? How is it that one can “walk in love?” What standard should we try to reach? Why is Jesus’ love the ultimate example? Why is Jesus’ sacrifice called a fragrant aroma? Who was it fragrant to?

2. Describe as many characteristics of God’s love as you can (i.e., God’s love is...) and with each characteristic give an example of how you might imitate it.

3. Among many characteristics of God’s love is that it is righteous. What does that mean? What then would be some things that love would not tolerate? Give as many examples as you can and use examples of current issues in our culture.

4. **Read Ephesians 5:3-5.** What is fornication? What is uncleanness? What sins would fall in that category (list as many as you can). In what ways are these sexual sins contrary to Christ-like love?

5. In verse 3, Paul says let not fornication “even be named among you as is fitting to saints.” What does he mean when he says, “even named among you,” and who is he referring to when he says “saints?” In what way(s) is sexual sin not “fitting for saints”?

6. What does Paul mean by “foolish talking” and “coarse jesting?”

7. **Read verses 5-6.** For anyone who has ever given in to immorality or covetousness, verse 5 can sound like a pretty terrifying threat! What does Paul mean in this verse? To find out, answer the following questions using context, plus these cross-references: Romans 6:12-13; 7:21-25; 1 Corinthians 6:7-11; Galatians 5:16-21. Who is this warning directed toward? How can you tell? What is the inheritance that they may miss out on? Is the inheritance equivalent to eternal life, or is it something else? - Can a person who currently fits the description of verse 5 have eternal life?