



# **Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide**

SERMON DATE: 8/28/2022  
DISCUSSION DATE: 9/04/2022  
TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:1

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## **BE AN IMITATOR OF GOD**

### **I. THE PROCESS OF BECOMING AN IMITATOR (vs. 1)**

- A. You must meditate on God in His Word.
  
- B. You must learn and know Jesus personally.
  
- C. You must admire and adore Him.
  
- D. You must imitate Him as a dear child of God.
  
- E. You must love Him.

### **II. BE IMITATORS OF GOD (vs. 1)**

## **FOR CONFERENCING**

1. **Read Ephesians 4:31-5:1.** Chapter and verse numbers have been added to scripture for the convenience of making it easy to find certain statements and accounts in scripture. What is it in 5:1 that indicates that there is no break in context or thought intended by the author? What then is it that the child of God should imitate?
  
2. 5:1 says to forgive others as God forgave you. Ephesians is written to believers. Describe how God has forgiven those who have received salvation.
  
3. 5:1 says “God “in Christ” forgave you. The King James says, “for Christ’s sake.” What does this mean?
  
4. What examples can you give of the kindness and tenderheartedness of God/Jesus?
  
5. **Read 5:1.** What must we know and do in order to imitate God? What is implied by the phrase “as dear children?”
  
6. God’s attributes are divided into attributes of greatness and attributes of goodness. We cannot be like God in greatness (i.e., infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, etc.) God’s attributes of goodness, however, are communicable. Name some of God’s attributes of goodness and describe how you could imitate God in those ways (as He does).
  
7. What would it “look like” if every member of Trinity imitated God in the areas of giving & forgiving / kindness & tenderheartedness?