

**THE CREAT IMITATION** Ephesians 5:1-2 | Pastor Ben Orchard September 25, 2016



If you are in a Life Group, take some time to answer these questions before your group meets:

## **EPHESIANS 5:1-2**

What is the central thought of the verses Paul is referring back to when he begins 5:1 with "Therefore"?

There are many relationships that include imitation (athletics, business, music, art, etc.). What is unique about the kind of imitation you see in beloved children?

Why do you think Paul uses the phrase "walk in love" instead of just saying, love people, or be loving?

If we are to be imitators of God the Father, then why does Paul tell us to model our love on the example of Christ instead of the Father?

If Christ's love is marked by being an "offering" and a "sacrifice," then are we doing something wrong if our lives are mostly comfortable and happy?

What influences in your life help you the most to walk in love? What influences tempt or provoke you the most to not walk in love?

## STUDY QUESTION (Optional)

Read the following verses, and their contexts if necessary, and create two lists – a list of things that we are supposed to walk in, and a list of things we are supposed to stop walking in.

Romans 6:4; 8:4; 11:14; 1 Corinthians 3:3; 7:17; 2 Corinthians 4:2; 5:7; 10:2-2; Galatians 5:16, 25; 6:16; Ephesians 2:2, 10; 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15; Philippians 3:17-18; Colossians 1:10; 2:6; 3:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1.

Which principles were mentioned the most? Which challenged you the most?







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