

Learning to Love like Jesus

Tenth week in the series: The Mystery of Christ
Ephesians 5:1-21

As followers of Jesus, we are called to imitate the love of Jesus. While this calling is simple, it is not always easy. In Ephesians 5:1-21, we explore the obstacles that keep us from truly loving people and find the key to growing in Christlike love.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the command to “walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us” (Eph 5:2), what is your initial reaction? Does this command encourage you? Challenge you? convict you? Something else?
2. Immediately after the call to Christlike love, Paul warns against the danger of sexual immorality and greed (Eph. 5:3-6). Why do you think he calls out these two sinful habits? What is it about sexuality immorality and greed that hinder our ability to embody the love of Christ?
3. As those who are “light in the Lord” (v. 8), we are told to expose sin by bringing it into the light. Have you seen the destructive power of sin that is kept in the dark? Have you experienced the freedom that comes from bringing sin in the light?
4. In the climax of this passage, Paul reveals the key to learning to love like Jesus: we must be filled with the Spirit (v. 18). Do you feel as though you are filled with the Spirit? How might you seek to be more full of the Spirit?
5. In verses 19-21, we find four ways in which we might become filled with Spirit. All of these ways have to do with the body of Christ gathered together for worship and fellowship. How have you felt the power and presence of the Spirit at work in your community of faith?