

# January 12 – 18

## Walk Worthy | Imitators of God

**Icebreaker:** Why do children imitate their parents? Why is this a good thing? Why can it be a bad thing? Share any examples from your life.

*In this session, we will consider how we must imitate God and how that leads to a life characterized by the light of all that is good, right, and true.*

### **Read Ephesians 5:1–2**

- How does Paul define imitation of God in verses 1–2?
- How does what Christ did for us motivate how we live our lives?

### **Read Ephesians 5:3–6**

- Paul says there must not be a hint of sexual immorality. What constitutes sexuality that's holy in God's eyes? What sexuality would be sinful in God's eyes?
- What is covetousness (look up in a dictionary), and how does it relate to sexual immorality? How does covetousness relate to idolatry?
- What motivates people to engage in filthiness, foolish talk, and crude joking? How is thanksgiving the opposite of these things?
- How are people deceived into engaging in sexual immorality?
- What is the result for people whose lives are characterized by immorality? Why ought believers expect their lives to be different?

### **Read Ephesians 5:7–14**

- Why is it essential to avoid partnerships with those who sin? How is this different from loving those who sin?
- In verses 8–9, how does Paul define what constitutes light? What does it mean to “walk as children of the light?”
- What is the ultimate motivation for walking as children of light? How do we foster a desire to walk in light beyond how others see us?
- How can living in the light with no secret or hidden sins help us live consistently as God's children? How is living in the light freeing?

### **Application**

#### EXPOSE

- Why is it so difficult to share our struggles with sexual immorality with others?
- What steps would you like to take to have more accountability?

#### REMOVE

- What are practical steps you have taken to promote sexual purity in your life?
- What do you need to remove from your life to lessen temptation?

#### TRANSFORM

- How can you foster a desire for Christ that combats your sinful desires?