17 Mar 2019 Ephesians 4:25- 5:2

To Be Like God, Walk in Love

**How to Walk in Love**

**Be Intentional about walking in love** (Eph. 4:25-29)

What effect will the vices in 4:25-31 have on the unity Paul is so keen on in 4:3?

Paul’s ethical suggestions in 4:25-26 are Old Testament quotes. Why would followers of Jesus be working toward the same thing that God wanted of His people all along?

Paul is encouraging us to be like God, just like his Master Jesus did (Matt. 5:48). How does this section relate to Jesus’ message in the Sermon on the Mountain (Matt. 5:17-48)?

**Tune your whole life to the Holy Spirit** (Eph. 4:30-32)

How is the motivation different here for followers of Jesus than for those living under the covenant of Law (1 Samuel 16:12-18 then Psalm 51(especially v. 11))?

How is Jesus’ Way powerfully different than just ‘trying harder’ (Matt. 3:11, 16-17; Eph. 1:13-14)? What great risk is God now taking on us (Eph. 4:30)?

Since God has given us the motivation and the means to act better, what can you work on in the areas of…

…Speaking Truth?

…Not acting in unrighteous anger?

…Putting your hands to good work?

**Keep your eyes on Jesus’ great gift** (Eph. 5:1-2)

Discuss the comfort of relating to God as a child to a parent (v. 1) rather than a defendant to a judge (Eph. 5:5).

This new relationship is possible because of Christ’s sacrifice (v.2). What difference has that made in your attitude, outlook, and actions as you have begun to explore how much He loves you? What new, great places do you think He is taking you?