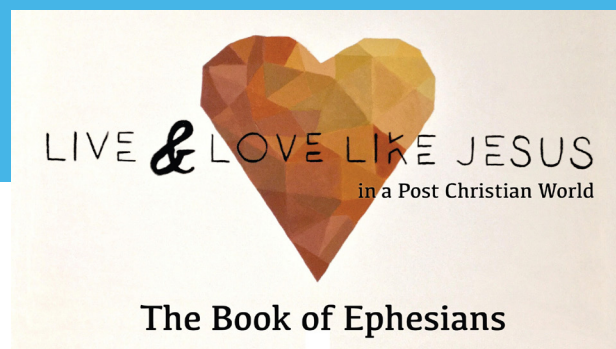


# Discussion Questions

May 21, 2023

## Ephesians

### Living and Loving Like Jesus recap



1. Read Ephesians 4:32-5:2

In your own words describe what it means to follow the Example of Jesus as described.

2. Read the following 5 passages looking at what Paul says about being rooted in the love of Christ and following His example.

Ephesians 3:17-19

Ephesians 4:1-2

Ephesians 4:15-16

Ephesians 4:32

Ephesians 5:25

Now, discuss what you think Paul's understanding is of Following Jesus' example.

3. Read Ephesians 2:17-18 & Colossians 3:12-15. Paul says Jesus has brought Jew & Gentile together, those who are near and those who are far away. These groups literally hated each other. Discuss how those who are "near" like the Jewish Ephesians, can grow in loving those who are coming out of drastically different backgrounds and worldviews today.

What about those who were far away, like the Ephesian Gentiles? How can they grow in loving those, like the Ephesian Jewish believers, who may struggle to fully embrace them?

Discuss how this kind of a messy Ephesian church with so many different kinds of people can function without being contentious or hurting one another.

4. Paul spends the first half of Ephesians describing all the incredible things Christ has done for us, and speaking of how much he loves us. He speaks of God adopting us as His children, of wiping away our sin, of bringing us from death to life, etc. How does this message empower believers to do all that he speaks about in the 2nd half of the letter?

5. Share what areas you feel are your largest struggles to live out this message of Living & Loving like Jesus.

6. Spend some time praying for the body of Northview, that we would increasingly live out Christ's vision for his church of all people near and far, coming together to worship Him and sacrificially loving and serving one another.