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23 Aug 26 | Love Like Christ | Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 | Nelson Schonfeldt

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: What is something you have unconsciously picked up from someone else — a phrase, habit, hobby, mannerism, or interest?
2. Read Ephesians 5:1–2. Paul says to “imitate God” and then immediately explains this as “walk in the way of love.” Why would we do this, and what does Christ’s example in teach us about what biblical love actually looks like? How is this different from simply being nice or agreeable?
3. In Ephesians 4:25–32, Paul repeatedly gives us something to put off, something to put on, and a reason why. Look through the passage together and identify some of these patterns. What do you notice?
4. Paul says, “In your anger do not sin” and warns us not to give the devil a foothold. What is the connection? What does it practically look like to “keep short accounts” and pursue reconciliation rather than letting hurt become resentment?
5. Verse 28 gives an unexpectedly positive alternative to stealing: work so that you have something to give. How does this challenge the way normally think about work, income, and possessions? What would change if part of the purpose of earning money was deliberately to become more generous?
6. Verse 29 says our words should be chosen according to what will build others up and give grace to those who hear. Think about your conversations at home, work, church, or online. What kinds of speech might be truthful but still fail this test? What would it look like to become more intentional about speaking words that strengthen people?
7. The sermon described Christlike love as self-giving. Look at the five questions below and choose one that you particularly need to act on this week. How can we help one another with these behaviours?
 - Where do I need to tell the truth?
 - Where do I need to settle anger?
 - How can I make giving a reason for working?
 - How can I use my words to build people up?
 - Who needs kindness, compassion, and grace from me?