

EPHESIANS

“More Than a Three-Letter Word.” (Eph 5:1-5) – Discussion Questions

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. Why must we be careful to know God in all his attributes as revealed in His Word? What errors may result if we don't?
 - a. Why is it essential to have a biblical definition of love? What problems may ensue if we lack such a definition?
 - b. What does it mean to imitate God? Where do you desire to imitate him better? How can we as a church support one another in that pursuit of better imitating our Savior to the glory of God?
 - c. Share ways people have loved you well and/ or when you have loved others well. If appropriate, share how someone has loved you sacrificially. What happened for you in this? How did you feel? What was the overflow or result?
 - d. We have a host of young people both in society & the church disregarding the design of God specifically in *love*. How do we establishing a biblical foundation in our young people of *agape* love which should govern the other manners of love, esp. that which is related to romantic relationships?
 - e. There are professing Christians that argue that the Bible permits committed, loving homosexual relationships. How would you counter this with Scripture?
 - f. Where is the balance between being in the world, but not of the world (Jn 17:15-16)? How can we keep a check on ourselves so that we don't cross the line?
2. Is it necessary to like everyone you love? How do these two qualities relate to one another?
3. Why is commitment to a local body of believers foundational for loving relationships? When is it right to leave a church?
4. Do you struggle with contentment? If so, in what area? How can you be more content in that arena? How can you thank God even in the midst of that circumstance?