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Imitators

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

We are called to be imitators of Christ. In order for us to be like Him, we need to cultivate a heart like His.

The heart of Christ is:

PURE

The heart of Christ is:

PURPOSEFUL

FORGIVING

Application





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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

How do you view imitations? Describe a time you bought or experience an imitation.

Read Ephesians 4:32 - 5:2. When Paul says that we should be "imitators of Christ", what comes to mind for you? What does it mean to you to imitate Christ?

When you think about your walk with Jesus, do you spend more time reflecting on how to be more like Him or to please Him more? Why?

Who are the people in your life who to look to you, who imitate you? How would you assess what they imitating? Are they imitating you or Christ in You?

Christ was pure. You are not. Read 1 John 1:9. John tells us confession cleanses us and forgives us. Why we do so often feel like trying harder or abstaining things will make us pure?

"The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible" Has this been the case in your life?

How would you describe the purpose of your life? Would it line up with Matthew 5:14-16?

Why do you think that many Christian merely follow Jesus in their hearts as opposed to their actions? Have you ever fallen into this trap?

Jesus tells us to never stop forgiving in Matthew 18:21-22. Are there people who you have stopped forgiving because their actions against won't stop?

In order for us to forgive like Jesus, what must happen to our hearts first?

Application

What's one way I can imitate Jesus this week?

Who can help you and hold you accountable to that?

<u>Prayer</u>

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.