



Because I'm in Christ, I can imitate God.



Key truths:

1. We are new people, so we should walk in the light.

2. We must repent from anything that doesn't look like our new identity in Christ.

3. Because Jesus came to earth to be with us, we can go to heaven to be with God.



Discussion Starters:

1. Have you ever seen a small child imitate a parent? Why does he or she want to do this? Does the child imitate a parent's behavior perfectly? Why is that ok? How does this encourage you about how you imitate God your Father?

For Youth: In verse 1-2, Paul says the Ephesians should be Imitators of God, and to walk in love. What reason does Paul give for asking them to do this? What would it look like in the life of a Christian to do these things?

2. Idolatry is putting anything in God's rightful place as the focus of our worship, our hearts and our lives. Paul calls the person who covets an idolater in verse 5. Coveting is also prohibited in the 10 commandments. Why is it so serious to desire something that someone else owns? What can coveting lead you to do?

For Youth: In verse 8, we are told that we were once in darkness, but now we are called to walk as children of light. In what ways do believers sometimes still 'walk in darkness?' Why is it important that we don't?

3. The Bible has many references to light and darkness - from the very beginning in Genesis as God creates light to bring order and life out of chaotic darkness. Read the following verses and discuss how Jesus fulfills the prophecies as the Light of the world in his life, death and resurrection. How can we imitate Him as "children of light"? (Isaiah 9:2,42:6; Malachi 4:2; Luke 1:78-79; John 1: 4-5, 8:12, 9:5, 12:35, 36)

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2

