

Mar.16/25 - Walk in Love – Small Group Questions

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-21

1. If you grew up in church, what kind of guidelines or rules did they have around sex, alcohol, language, etc? If you didn't grow up in church, what kind of guidelines did your household have?
2. What are two reasons it is difficult when Paul starts getting into the specifics (nitty-gritty) of how to live a Christian life? Have you found it difficult to discuss these passages in the past, for either or both of these reasons?
3. Why do you think Paul begins in verse one by calling his readers beloved children? How can this shape our response to each other and to the rest of the passage?
4. How does the context into which Paul was speaking shape your understanding of this passage?
5. Paul was primarily concerned with how the body of Christ walks together in love and mutual submission, and how we relate to material things affects each other. What are some ways that we can support each other in 'building each other up in love'?
6. Is there a way that your own quest for personal piety (or freedom) has had a detrimental or hurtful effect on the body of Christ, or have you been hurt by other Christians' quests for personal piety or freedom? Is there forgiveness and/or repentance to be sought there?