

HOME GROUP

10th February

Ephesians: One In Christ

Ephesians 5:1-20

Ephesians 5:1-20 comes in the middle of a section where Paul is encouraging his readers to ‘live out’ the gospel. This is the fruit of the great gospel truths we have considered in chapters 1-3.

Read together Ephesians 5:1-20, then work through the following questions. Give plenty of time for question 4, which really helps us to apply these verses.

1) What is the ‘headline’ in 5:1-2? What is the ultimate motivation to live a godly life?

2) What three areas of a Christian’s conduct does Paul highlight in vv3-4?

3) In the ensuing verses, vv5-20, Paul gives four reasons for why the behaviour of vv3-4 is wrong. What are those reasons? Work together or in smaller groups to identify the reason Paul gives in the following collection of verses:

- vv5-7

- vv8-14

- vv15-17

- vv18-20

4. Which of these reasons particularly chimes with you? What will it look like to live in light of these verses ‘in Christ’ tomorrow morning? Turn them into prayer for each other as you seek to ‘follow God’s example’ (5:1).