

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

How We Live

GOING DEEPER

- Where do you see the most imitating behavior going on in our culture? (Politics? Hollywood? Your Neighborhood? Schools? Friendships? Church? Elaborate.)
- Where do you find yourself imitation the world around you? In what situations?
- Three reasons we might imitate others are
 - Our need for approval
 - Our desire for acceptance
 - Our eagerness to accommodate

Explore each of these and answer: with which do you most identify?

Read Ephesians 4:25–5:2

- What's the core difference between living **from** our identity in Christ and living **for** our identity in fit in with culture?
- How would you explain this concept to a new believer?
- What does that look like in a day to day kind of example?

APPLICATION

- How does the gospel—God's forgiveness and God's acceptance—help us transfer our thinking from one way of living to the other?
- Paul lists several ways that this new way of thinking intersects with behavior, which one of these do you need the Holy Spirit's help in today? Explain.
- How can we practically imitate Jesus today? In our family? In our neighborhood? In the world?