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Week 6: Ephesians 5:1-20

1. In what ways do you find yourself imitating your parents?
 - a. Are you happy about this? Why or why not?
 - b. In what ways do you wish you could better imitate the Lord?
2. What kind of impurity does Paul speak against in verse 3?
3. In what ways could greed be considered idolatry? (see: 1 Timothy 6:17; Psalm 115:3-4, 135:15-18; Habakkuk 2:18-19)
4. What's the big deal about obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking? Isn't it just part of normal conversation?
5. At first glance it seems as though Paul is saying it is impossible for the immoral, impure, and greedy to be saved. Are they doomed and without hope? (see: 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13)

6. Paul tells us not to be partners with those who are disobedient to God. What tension do you see in Scripture about associating with unbelievers? (see: 1 Corinthians 6:14-17; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; 2 John 10-11; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-47)
 - a. How does 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 resolve the tension?

7. Paul exhorts the “children of light” to “find out what pleases the Lord”. What four ways do the following passages suggest we may discover what pleases the Lord?
 - a. Matthew 7:7; John 16:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

 - b. John 5:39; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

 - c. Proverbs 11:14, 12:15, 13:10, 15:22

 - d. Psalm 48:14, 143:10; Isaiah 26:3-4, 42:16

8. How does one live wisely? (see: Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; Deuteronomy 4:5-6; Job 28:28)

9. In what way does the liturgy we use in worship fulfill Paul’s urging in 5:19-20?
 - a. In what other settings do we frequently speak to one another with “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs”?