Questions for Reflection and Discussion

From Darkness to Light

Ephesians 5:1-14

Getting Started

Have you ever experienced complete darkness? Explain.

Digging In

1. What way of imitating God does Paul mention in **Eph 4:32**?

2. According to **Eph 5:1-2**, <u>how</u> are we to imitate God?

3. What are the world's definitions of love?

4. What clues to the biblical definition of love are given in v. 2?

5. Make a list of the deeds of darkness in **vss. 3-7**. Jot down a brief definition for each one.

6. Take an honest inventory. Are any of these in your life?

7. Paul gives several reasons in **vss. 3-7** why we're not to have anything to do with these deeds of darkness. List as many as you can find.

8. **Read 5:8-14**. Why does Paul say *you were once darkness*? (Cf. 4:17-19)

9. What was the Ephesians' new identity? (5:8)

10. What qualities will characterize the life of someone who is living in the light?

11. What does this look like in the life of a Christian

12. What do you think it means to *find out what pleases the Lord?*

13. Keeping in mind what Paul says in v. 12, give an example of exposing the *fruitless deeds of darkness* (v. 11).

Getting Personal

- Read 4:32 – 5:1 again. Whom is God calling you to love with this kind of forgiving, self-giving, sacrificial love?

- How is the light of God's love and holiness seen in your life?

- How is God speaking to you through this passage?