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MOVE WITH LOVE

PASSAGE: Ephesians 5:1-21

OUTLINE:

5 Indicators if we're walking in love

- 1 - When we walk in love, We Resemble God (1-2)
- 2 - When we walk in love, We Radiate Holiness (3-6)
- 3 - When we walk in love, We Reflect the light (7-14)
- 4 - When we walk in love, We Re-prioritize time (15-17)
- 5 - When we walk in love, We Resonate with Worship (18-21)

SHARE: GET TALKING (15 min)

- Ephesians 5 calls us to live a life that imitates Christ's love. In 90 seconds, share with the group a moment where someone's loved you so well you've been inspired to love like them?

STUDY: GO DEEPER (30-45 min)

- What challenged you most from the message this past Sunday?

- Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What commands are believers given here? Why do you think Paul uses the parent-child relationship to illustrate a believer's relationship with God? How does this illustration set the stage for us to imitate God's love?

- Scan over Ephesians 5:7-14. How does Paul's use of "light" clarify what he means to "expose" sin? How does this give us a picture of God working in us to become more like Jesus?

- Read Ephesians 5:15-17. Take a moment and think through what you've spent the last 72 hours doing. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your wisdom in "making the best use of the time" to glorify God?

- Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What does it mean to be “filled with the Spirit”? How should that affect how we move with love in our life?

SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER (30-45 MIN)

- Our topic last week was On the Move with Maturity. What did you discuss last week with the group that you wanted to see changed in your life? Can you share any progress?

- Read Ephesians 5:3-6. What’s the list of sin we’re called to “not be named among [us], as proper saints”? Are you convicted of anything on this list or anywhere else in Ephesians 5:1-21? How can you move away from that sin and towards Jesus this week?

- How can we support and pray for you this week?

RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” - Ephesians 5:1-2

LEADER TIP OF THE WEEK:

One of the greatest ways you can Shepherd others in your group is to counsel them with biblical wisdom. Here’s a reminder from Lead 101 of 3 ways to equip you to counsel others this week:

- **Connect with empathy:** Love them where they are at and help them move to where God is calling them to be

- **Ask questions to get to the heart of the issue:** When that happened, what were you thinking? What emotions did that make you feel? What did you want most at that moment?

- **Provide hope from Scripture:** No matter the struggle, verses like 1 Corinthians 10:13, Colossians 3:1-2, Romans 8:16-17 can move your people to having hope in the Gospel.