

## STUDY GUIDE

Messy; Imitators
WEEK OF November 11, 2018
1 Corinthians 4:14-21

## **CONNECT**

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

## **GROW**

2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-21. How might the Corinthians' attitudes have been different if they had already been imitating Paul and what was going to have to change for them to take his words seriously?

3. Are there any Christian mentors, teachers, or leaders whose actions you seek to imitate as a fully devoted Christ follower, and if so, how has their example shaped your walk with Christ?

4.	Why do you think Paul wanted to send Timothy to Corinth, and why do you think some of the people had become arrogant in Paul's absence? What does this tell us about their pride and priorities?
5.	What do you think Paul means when he says that the kingdom of God is "not a matter of talk" and why were Paul's options in verse 21 so extreme?
6.	Read Ephesians 4:17-32. How would you compare the moral standards of today with the moral standards of Paul's day, and how should Christians be different from the people described in these verses?
7.	What does it mean "to put off your old self" and to "put on your new self"? What does that tell you about everyday change in the life of a Christ follower?
8.	Read Ephesians 5:1-6. What can we learn from Jesus about loving as God loves? How does God's standard for our bodies, minds, and speech in verses 3-4 compare or contrast with society's standard?

9. Read Ephesians 5:7-14. What characteristics are the result of "the fruit of the light"? How do these compare with the fruit of the darkness in Ephesians 4:18-19?
10.Read Ephesians 5:15-21. Why is wisdom necessary if we want to live in the light and imitate God's love? Give some practical examples of what it looks like to live as wise people.
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11.Of all the broad commands given in Ephesians 4 and 5 for Christian living—holiness, love, light, and wisdom—which seems to be the major command God is challenging you with in your life? How can you act on His challenge?
12.As a small group, commit to praying for one another as we pursue real life change. Spend time discussing the best way to do this together.
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