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Mission Group Discussion Questions

Series: Identity - Who You Are in Christ
Title: The New Life in Love
Passage: Ephesians 5:1-7
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Discussion Starter: What does it look like for a child to imitate their parent? When does it go right and when does it go wrong?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

1. In Ephesians chapters 1–3, Paul gives no commands. Instead, he focuses on what Christ has done for us. Take a few minutes to look back and remind yourself: What has Christ done for you?

2. Remembering what Christ has done for us ought to fill us with awe. Would you say you are living with a sense of awe and wonder toward God? Why or why not?

3. Our awe of God and abiding in His love compels us to imitate God and walk in love towards others. How are you doing in these areas? Where do you see evidence of these commands being lived out in your life?

4. The type of love Paul uses is agape love - unconditional, sacrificial, and selfless love toward others - an incredibly high calling! How has the world distorted the meaning of love?

5. Our capacity to walk in love is dependent on experiencing Christ's love for us. What is the difference between knowing about Christ's love and actually experiencing His abiding love?

6. Think back over the past week and consider 1 John 4:16. When did you abide in Christ's love and when did you struggle to abide?

7. Agape love is often hardest in family relationships. What steps can you take this week to imitate Christ and love your family sacrificially?

Read Ephesians 5:3-7

9. Consider verses 3-4. Do any of these vices have a place in your life? Repent.

10. How does abiding in Christ's love lead to thankfulness? Why is thankfulness an effective weapon against carnal passions?