

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Where Do You Go? Eph 5:1-21

Vs 1-2 Go after God and be an aroma

- *We are going to imitate. It's part of social construction.
- *It isn't about matching a template, although that's a part of it (obedience)
- *It isn't about showing/telling Him that you adore Him, although that's part of it (worship)
- *It's about desiring and actually being with Him (inward transformation and relationship) Matt:15:7-11
- *It's about looking to Him as our direction and focus.
- *Jesus provides the perfect example for us to follow.
- *He is attractive and as we become changed we become attractive as well.

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Vs 3-4 Don't go after sin. It doesn't fit

- *Dirty actions, dirty thoughts and dirty motivations don't have a place.
- *It shouldn't be something even loosely associated with us.
- *It's not our identity
- *Don't be scandalous, unwise, or gross. It doesn't fit who you are
- *This isn't to say that Christians don't struggle with these things
- *This is to say these things are destructive.
- *We combat it with thankfulness (1 Thess 5:16-18)

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Vs 5-7 Go after your inheritance, not empty promises or desires

- *These don't have an inheritance.
- *It's about salvation, but it's also about value.
- *Don't waste your effort on things that rob you. (Matt 6:19-21)
- *Don't listen to what is empty (vaporous)
- *It's worse than empty because it brings wrath
- *Don't share in it. Don't be drawn away

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Vs 8-10 Go into the light

- *You were the darkness. Not in, are.
- *Yes we were trapped, but we were also complicit
- *Maybe you tried to block the light by the shadow of your arrogance

- *Maybe you feared the light would hurt. It can (Heb 4:11-13)
- *It is your new purpose, but more so your identity. (Gal 2:20)
- *Know that your entering into a more palpable war (1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - *But your life bears such good fruit (Gal 5:22-23)
- *The fruit comes for a good, righteous, and truthful grove.
- *Seek to do what God approves of
- *He approves of light, goodness, righteousness and truth.

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Vs 11-14 Don't go into darkness. Bring light.

- *Interact with people, but don't share in dark actions
 - *It isn't fully about judgement, it's about restoration
 - *Be motivated to help, not crush (Luke 19:8-10)
- *Follow the light. It makes a way (John 1:3-5)
- *Do you want to be awake or asleep? Dead or alive

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Stay tuned for next week as we wrap up the Equipping series.

Discussion Questions

- *Why can darkness be so attractive to us?
- *What do you think about when you think about being "in the light"?
- *How do you build relationships with those who don't know God?
- *How do you strike a balance between judgement and kindness?