

# Ephesians Series: Sit, Walk, Stand

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## **Walk In Love!**

Ephesians 5:1-7

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to be imitators of God because  
we are His \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1)

Mimic: Copy the \_\_\_\_\_ of another person

One way we should imitate God is by walking in  
\_\_\_\_\_. (5:2)

\_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
The ability to walk in love is not \_\_\_\_\_, but  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Love is not... (5:3-4)**

\_\_\_\_\_ unstable

\_\_\_\_\_ with life

Harmful \_\_\_\_\_

People who consistently and willfully demonstrate  
\_\_\_\_\_ behavior have not been touched  
by the love of God. (5:5-7)

## Discussion Guide

### Getting Started

*In what ways did you copy a parent, sibling, or friend when you were younger?*

### Walk In Love

**What are some other attributes of God that we are to mimic?**

**Who are the hardest people in your life to love? (Be general if possible, be sensitive about naming people!)**

**Why do you think that Paul used the areas of morality, greed, and speech to highlight what walking in love does not look like?**

Read Colossians 3:5-7 before answering the following questions.

**How does our American culture make it difficult to maintain moral stability?**

**What safeguards can be put into place to help maintain moral stability?**

Read Philippians 4:11 and I Timothy 6:6-8 before answering the following questions.

**What are some indications that we may not be satisfied with our lives?**

**How does greed become idolatry?**

Read James 3:5-9 before answering the following questions.

**What kinds of elements would make a joke inappropriate?**

**In what settings do you find it the hardest to avoid harmful speech?**

**How can we improve our speech as a reflection of God's love?**

Read Revelation 21:8 before discussing the following statement.

**If there is no judgment, no one needs salvation, and what we do does not really matter.**

### **This week's challenge**

*Choose a specific way to better reflect God's love as one of His kids this week!*

### **Evangelistic Emphasis**

*Pray that God will give us opportunities daily to testify of the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)*