

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: September 4, 2016
Ephesians 5:1-20

1. What does Paul tell us in verse 1?
 - a. Worship God, love Him, and remember that you can never be anything like Him.
 - b. Follow God's example...

2. What, according to verse 2, is God's example?
 - a. How can we ever know? Who has seen God?
 - b. Walk in the way of love...
 - c. Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...
 - d. Paul just told us...Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (see 4:32)!

3. What does verse 3 tell us?
 - a. Do your best...
 - b. Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality...
 - c. Among you there must not be any kind of impurity, or of greed...

4. What does it mean when it says that there should not even be "a hint of sexual immorality" among Christians?
 - a. Go as far as you can possibly go without crossing the line.
 - b. Just make sure you can justify what you are doing if it seems to be a little close to the edge.
 - c. I think he meant "not even a hint," like don't even get close and if there is any question in your mind stay as far away from it as possible.

5. Are you avoiding every hint of sexual immorality? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. Is greed a big deal? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

7. What does verse 3 say shouldn't be coming out of our mouths? _____

What should? _____

8. What do verses 5-6 say about people who have allowed these things in our lives?
 - a. We're only human and it is a good thing God overlooks all of that.
 - b. A person who allows these things in our life is an idolater, meaning we are putting up a god for ourselves above the Living God.
 - c. No immoral, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God.
 - d. There will probably be people that try to deceive you by telling you that these things are ok "with empty words" that don't carry the truth and authority of God.

9. What do verses 8-20 tell us about how God is calling us to live?
 - a. _____ as _____ of the _____ (verse 8).
 - b. _____ what _____ the Lord (verse 10).
 - c. Have _____ to do with the _____ of _____, but rather _____ (verse 11).
 - d. Do not get _____ with _____, which leads to _____. Instead, be _____ with the _____.

10. Are there things that you need to change in your life so that you can be confident of your inheritance in the kingdom of God? _____