

## Ephesians 5:1-21 - A Life of Love

### **Remembering sacrificial death – is it in vain?**

### **As people loved by Christ, live lives of...**

#### **1. Thankful love**

(v1-7)

#### **2. Shining light**

(v8-14)

#### **3. Spirit-filled worship**

(v15-21)

### **For further discussion**

- In what ways have we seen that Jesus' death changes and motivates us in the Christian life so far in Ephesians?
- v1-7: How do many people in the world think about love? How is this vision of love in these verses different? Is this combination of topics in these verses surprising? Is it unrealistic to say "not even a hint" (v3)? Where will we find the motivation to live like this? How is thankfulness (v4) a healthy way to fight temptation?
- v8-14: What does it mean to be children of the light? Are you more tempted to blend in to the world or hide away? What might Christian distinctiveness look like in your workplace or neighbourhood? Again, where is the motivation to live like this?
- v15-21: In what ways is Paul's vision of worship bigger than the one we often have? How is wine a good example of something that is good in itself but easily misused, and what other examples can you think of? What does it look like to be filled with the Holy Spirit, from these verses? How does "worship" in church fit within a whole life of worship? What is the purpose of sung worship according to Paul?