

# Love Different, Like God!

Eph. 4.25-5.2

*Focus: On loving one another as Christ loved us, so unity is preserved, Satan gains no foothold and the Spirit is not grieved.*

## Discussion:

- Read Eph. 2.1-10; 4.1, 17. How does the Gospel of 2.1-10 motivate and enable us to live differently? What helps you experience that as foundational to change?
- Read 4.25-5.2. Pastor Larry compiled the list into three buckets: our speech, our anger, and our work. In verses 25 & 29, what does Paul urge us to put off and put on concerning our speech? How should that look in your life? What challenges you most about his call to loving speech? How can our speech lead to the grieving of the Holy Spirit (v. 30)?
- In verses 26, 31 & 32, what does Paul urge us about our anger? What does he ask us to "put on" that will help keep us from sinful anger? What helps you do those things? How can anger give the devil a foothold (v. 27)? Have you experienced that before?
- If 5.1-2 are a summary of the closing verses of chapter 4, how are the "put-off, put-on" items in this list expressions of love for one another?
- What would be your most needful area of "putting off and putting on" that you need to practice? What steps do you need to take to make progress in that area?

## 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

