



Imitate Me Introduction

Humans are hardwired to learn by “over imitation”. There are things about us that we would love for people to imitate. For example, we wish our messy family and friends would imitate our cleanliness. And then there are things that we pray people would never imitate. The legacy we leave, and how people imitate us, truly is the measure of success in our life. Take some time as a group to talk about the legacy you want to leave.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday’s message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

“Instructing will take you only so far. Modeling will take you further...”

Share about people you’ve had in your life who have impacted you.
What was it about them that influenced you and how you live your life?

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:14-17; 11:1

Context: *Paul wrote to a group of new Christians who he had spent about 18 months with and many had become followers of Jesus. But they lived in Corinth which was known for being a wild city. After Paul left, this local church struggled with imitating the behavior of the culture in which they live. So Paul wrote them a letter of encouragement as they were trying to navigate following Jesus in the midst of a culture that seemed so contradictory to what Jesus taught about “Loving Your Neighbor”.*

- What do you think Paul was asking the church to imitate? How can we do the same?
- Who was Paul imitating so that he could encourage the local church to imitate him? What was he doing clearly to imitate Christ?
- Who have you had in your life who you can say has influenced you to imitate Christ because of the way they live their life?
- Why is it that the temporary things of this world tend to take precedence over a legacy that impacts eternity?
- Take some time to go around the room and share 2-3 things about the person on your left. Share what you see that they do to imitate Christ that is transferable to those around them.
- What do you want your legacy to look like?
- Share with the group 1-2 names of people who you have the opportunity to influence.
- What is a next step you can take in imitating Christ so that others can imitate you?

MOVING FORWARD

Whether we like it or not, we are leading people. We are leading people either closer to God or further from God. There is no middle ground. Someone once said that wherever you go, you always take someone with you. This concept of legacy and imitation is so important because it impacts eternity. Let’s make a conscious effort to be intentional to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Be intentional to imitate Christ so that like Paul we can say “imitate me, as I imitate Christ,” Leave a legacy that is eternal.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: 1 Corinthians 11:1

Journaling: Take some time this week to journal about the legacy you want to leave and what qualities you wish people would adapt from the way you live your life. List out the things you want people to imitate about you that will impact eternity.

Prayer: Ask God to help you live a life that others can imitate as you follow Jesus.

Accountability: Ask a friend to help keep you accountable to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.