

The welcome verse for this week is 1 Peter 3:8, “Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”



Running the Play
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The Bottom Line: Christ has set a better example for us to love one another.

Introduction:

Investing ourselves into building loving relationships can be one of the most worthwhile tasks we can pursue.

Radical love is what changes the world around us.

We all want to carry and experience that kind of love, but how do we do it?

Tension:

Unfortunately, we’ve all experienced bad examples of people who did not know how to love well.

Sadly, some of the examples we have had of unhealthy love have now established unhealthy habits in how we relate to those around us.

Truth:

When our eyes are opened to the love demonstrated in Christ, we recognize a better reason *and* a better way to love those around us. Paul reminds us of the better way in **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**.

Application & Conclusion:

Christ has set a better example for us to love one another. He showed us that love can be life-giving *and* holy, honoring to both the receiver and to God. That is only when we follow the glorious example which has been given to us in our speech and our actions. When we do this, it gives glory to God and grief to the Devil.

“Reflection Questions:”

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?