



**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
Ephesians: In Christ, Like Christ  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
Ronnie Garcia, March 17, 2019

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**Step 1: Reflect on the Text**

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

**Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon**

INTRODUCTION

1. Are there ways in which you have felt the pressure of culture? To drink the “crystal blue ocean water”?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

PORTRAIT OF DISOBEDIENCE (vv. 17-19)

1. Paul uses a physiological description of the heart and mind to show the effects of sin: vv17-19 “hardened heart, to darkened mind, to numbness or callousness to wounds.” In your own words, how does this metaphoric language equate to our day to day experience with sin??

PORTRAIT OF CHANGE (vv. 20-21)

1. “To learn Christ” (v20) is language of deep relationship. How has your most profound and meaning relationship shaped and changed the person you are? How does this work with Christ?

PORTRAIT OF OBEDIENCE (vv. 22-32)

1. The Apostle Paul uses artistic language of “putting off the old self” and “putting on the new self”. Ronnie suggests this means a new sanctified imagination, or a new way of being human. How do you think obedience could be a “new way of being human?”

**Step 3: Final Reflections**

1. Ronnie concluded by saying that God’s love is not a carrot in front of us enticing us to become obedient, rather it is the ingredient for meaningful change. Do you see a connection between your experience of God’s love, and your obedience to God’s Word? How so?
2. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?