

***First Baptist Church – Calgary***

**Week of:** March 14, 2010

**Message Series:** Ephesians – God’s New Society  
*#9 – The Guts of the Matter*

**Study Notes:**

**Personal Study:** #9 – *The Guts of the Matter*

1. Reflect back on a time when you had to show great courage.
  - What did you do/refrain from doing?
  - If you had to live it all again, what would you change?

**Read Ephesians 5:1-2.**

2. What kind of courage did Jesus show the world?
  - How has his courage inspired you & changed you?
3. The word “*imitator*” (verse 1) in the original Greek language (*mimatae*) literally means “to mimic”, and is where we get our English words “mimic” & “mime”.
  - Why is courage necessary if we are to “mimic” Jesus?

**Read Ephesians 5:3-14.**

4. Most people generally know that immorality, impurity & greed are wrong. Paul, however, says that they constitute idolatry.
  - What is idolatry as God views it?
  - Which of the three do you struggle with the most?
  - Why is the warning so strong in verse 6?
5. How did Jesus expose the darkness in his world?
  - What did it cost him?
  - What will it cost you to expose the darkness in your world?

**Read Ephesians 5:15-20.**

6. What “opportunities” is God giving you personally, and our congregation corporately these days?
  - Is it reasonable to assume that God will give opportunities to people and churches that do nothing with them? Why/why not?
7. List the differences between people who are drunk on wine, versus people who are filled with the Spirit.
  - Consider the destruction caused by one, and the life created by the other.