

# SERMON NOTES    Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

## sunnysidechurch

### Living Church: A different way of living

**Bible passages:** Ephesians 4.17-5.2; 1 Timothy 4.1-16

#### Introduction

Living Church

- faith should make a difference to how we live
- follow example of Christ

#### Put off old...put on new

- put off old self and put on new self
- following Jesus is not just about what we don't do but also about what we choose to do instead

#### Follow my leader

- Jesus gave us the example of what living lives of love looks like
- love is a doing word which involves actions as well as words

#### Works in progress

- created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (4.24)
- live lives of love as God's beloved children who are forgiven and loved

#### Conclusion

- Sunnyside Vision: to be recognised as a Christ-centred community of living faith
- live lives of love go long way to making that a reality
- 'therefore, as dearly loved children of God, put off your old self...put on the new self...and live a life of love'

#### Some questions for discussion

1. Who have been the people who have inspired you by how they seek to live lives of faith?
2. Read Ephesians 4.17-5.2. What do you notice?
3. Why is it important that we not only put off the old but put on the new?
4. What difference does following Jesus make to how you live your daily life?
5. What might it look like for you to live a life of love? What might it look like for us as a church?
6. Read 1 Timothy 4.1-16. How could you 'train yourself to be godly'? (v7)
7. Timothy was a young man. What might our young people teach us about living lives of love?
8. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through these passages? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

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Ephesians 4.17-5.2

Why not spend some time thanking God for making us his dearly loved children and asking him to help you to grow in righteousness and holiness as you live a life of love?

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