

Small-Group Study- Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

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Read the passage below and answer questions on the next page.

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Footnotes:

- a. Ephesians 1:17 Or a spirit

Questions for your Small Group to think and dialogue on

Open Up

1. Think about the house that you live in currently. What do you love about the house? If you could envision something new about the house or property what would it be?

Dig In

1. Paul begins by writing, “For this reason,” (vs. 15). What does Paul mean and how is this verse connected to what preceded it?
2. When you think about God as “the glorious Father” (vs. 17a), what images come to mind for you? How does viewing God as “the Father of glory” change the way you think about God?
3. What are the outcomes (vs. 17-19a) that Paul prays for the Ephesians (hint, they start with “you may know”)?
4. Paul likens “power” to what images (vs. 19-23)? Why are these images important to us in our Christian life? What do they tell us about Christ?

Apply it

1. How can you apply Kelly and Nathan’s idea of “#prayinginthistogether” this week?
2. Who are some people at Prairie Tabernacle Church that you are thankful for? Why?
3. Take some time and pray the Ephesians 1:15-19 prayer for each other (go around and pray for the person on your right).