



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Ephesians 1:15-23

(Memory Verse)

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ...*

(Ephesians 1:15-16): **15** Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, **16** do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

Question: How does our personal faith in the Lord Jesus bring encouragement to others?

Question: How can we establish a reputation for taking steps of faith, and is anyone currently faced with a situation that requires faith?

Question: Why do you think that Paul gave such thanks to the Lord upon hearing of the Ephesian Christians' faith in the Jesus, and their love for the saints?

Question: What are some practical examples of our personal faith working itself out in acts of love?

(Ephesians 1:17-19): 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what [is] the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Question: Why do you think the very first thing listed in Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is *the spirit of wisdom and revelation and knowledge* in Jesus?

READ: Proverbs 3:13 & Proverbs 4:7

Question: Paul prays that the Ephesians would *know* the hope of following God's calling. In a world that is without hope, how can we communicate that there *is* hope in receiving the calling of the Lord for our lives?

Question: From verse 19, what is the key to having the Lord's great, and mighty power working in us?

(Ephesians 1:20-21): 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated [Him] at His right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Question: When Jesus rose from the dead, what happened spiritually, and what does that mean for the follower of Christ?

Question: A cult is a group that call themselves *Christians*, but deny the deity of Jesus Christ. How do verse 20 and 21 refute the false idea that Jesus is not God?

READ: *Philippians 2:9-11*

(Ephesians 1:22-23): **22** And He put all [things] under His feet, and gave Him [to be] head over all [things] to the church, **23** which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Question: How does knowing that Jesus is not only the Head of the Church, but also the One responsible for building the Church act as a safeguard for the Church?

Question: How can we, as members of His Church keep ourselves under the lordship of Jesus in the way we live our lives?

Question: How does the Lord practically fill the void that we have in our lives apart from Him, and how does His peace and contentment minister to us?