

EPHESIANS – Week 1 Mobile Embassies

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

If you could choose to have one super power, what would you choose and why?

If you had ten thousand dollars to spend in one shop only, which shop would you go to?

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. Read the whole passage - **Ephesians 1:1-14.** What are the spiritual blessings that are listed here? Can you think of any others?

Before the creation of the world, we were in God's mind (**v4**). We are fearfully and wonderfully made – but sometimes we can struggle to see ourselves the way God sees us. Do you feel significant? What are some of the things that can rob you of feeling significant? What are some of the things that can strengthen your sense of significance?

Check out **Ephesians 2:5-6.** Our salvation is a profound and supernatural event – we move from one realm to the next! We are saved through faith – faith is the currency of heaven! Don't underestimate the transformation that comes when we are saved – we are seated in heavenly places! What does this mean to you?

Check out **2 Corinthians 12:2.** Paul had a spiritual experience, and was caught up to the third heaven! The 1st heaven is the atmospheric heavens, the 2nd heaven is the stellar heaven, and the 3rd heaven is where God lives! The natural reflects the spiritual – but so often we can forget the spiritual aspect. What is your understanding of the spiritual realm, and how do you think we can keep a spiritual perspective?

We are a citizen of two worlds! We are natural people – citizens of earth, but we are also spiritual people – citizens of heaven. We should have two outlooks in life – we see what everyone else sees, but we also see things from the perspective of heavenly places. Check out **Ephesians 6:12**. How do you think we can keep a heavenly perspective towards the things we are facing in our day to day lives?

Check out **Philippians 3:20**. If you consider an embassy in a foreign country – the embassy retains the laws, culture and values of the home country. Anyone who sets foot in the embassy, is stepping foot onto the soil of the home country. We are actually mobile embassies – as our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and His presence dwells within us! We are connected to heavenly places! How does this change the way we see our influence in our homes, communities, schools and workplaces? How does this impact the way you see yourself?

In order to live as a 'mobile embassy' we need to:

1. Pursue God daily with all our hearts
2. Stay connected with your heavenly government and fellow diplomats (life group)
3. Walk by faith and not by sight

Which of these actions do you need to strengthen in your life this week? How could you do this?

PRAYER

Pray together and ask God to speak to you and to reveal to you His supernatural presence

Pray for one another to be effective mobile embassies – taking God's presence with us wherever we go