

# EPHESIANS – Week 2

## Life Group Notes



### CONNECT QUESTION

Share three facts about yourself and one made up thing – see if your group can guess which one is not true.

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**Ephesians 1:15-23.** 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[f] 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.

What are the stand outs to you from these verses? What do you think Paul was wanting the people of Ephesus to understand or to realise?

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God wants us to have wisdom – wisdom from heaven – check out **Psalms 119:113**. Many people today look for wisdom in all the wrong places – we have the privilege of going to the source of all wisdom. God brings understanding – but we have an enemy who brings confusion and misunderstanding – often at the root of conflict. How can we live in God's wisdom? How can we access this wisdom and apply it to our lives?

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God wants us to also have revelation – to take the lid off! First and foremost – revelation of WHO Jesus is! Secondly to know who WE are in Jesus! We need to know WHO WE ARE and how God sees us – and allow this to be the lens through which we see ourselves and those around us. When we speak this out – we lift ourselves, speak faith – and demons flee! How can you do this in your daily life?

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God wants us to have enlightenment. God's word is alive and living within us! How do you ensure that God's Word is alive in you? What strategies work for you to memorise scripture. Choose a verse together as a group, and make it your goal this week to commit it to memory – and hold each other accountable next week 😊

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God wants us to know HOPE! The Hope of our calling. This is an eternal hope – a glorious hope! Hope is often something that is lacking in the lives of so many around us – how can we project hope in our workplaces, in our homes, in our schools, in our communities?

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God wants us to know that we have an inheritance! Not only that – WE ARE HIS INHERITANCE! That gives us an idea of how precious and valued we are to Him!! This is not because of what we do, or what we know – but because of who we are. How does this impact you? Do you think you live in the freedom of this truth? Why?

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God wants us to know His power and authority! The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is available to you and I!! When was the last time you put yourself in a position where you needed to rely on His power? (Maybe offering to pray for an unbeliever who is unwell – maybe sharing your faith with your neighbor?) What could you do this week to position yourself to unlock this power iflowing through your life?

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**PRAYER**

Pray together and ask God to grant you wisdom, revelation and enlightenment

Pray for opportunities this week to be a channel of God's power – to step out of our comfort zones and position ourselves to need His power!