

BECOMING *OUR TRUE SELVES*

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OVERARCHING THEME & MESSAGE:

THIS PAST SUNDAY, PASTOR LAUREN TALKED ABOUT WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO KNOW JESUS VS WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO PERSONALLY KNOW JESUS. HOW DO WE RELATE TO JESUS? DO WE KNOW THINGS ABOUT HIM OR DO WE TRULY KNOW HIM?

JESUS WANTS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US. THE MORE WE GET TO KNOW HIM (HIS CHARACTER, HIS PROMISES, HOW HE SEES US) THE MORE WE BEGIN TO REFLECT HIM IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES. WE BECOME ONE. LET'S TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT ON THIS VERSE IN EPHESIANS. WHAT IS GOD HIGHLIGHTING TO YOU?

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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 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.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT ARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF THE PASSAGE? ANYTHING WORDS OR PHRASES THAT STICK OUT TO YOU?

2. MEDITATE ON A WORD OR PHRASE. HOW DOES THAT SPEAK UPON WHO JESUS IS?

3. HOW TO WE REFLECT JESUS? TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOU RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.