

# Connect Group Discussion Guide

**PARTICIPANT**  
**EPHESIANS - PT 2**  
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## SERMON SUMMARY

Paul is moved to pray for the church at Ephesus.

Central to his prayer is that the believers have knowledge of their total, ultimate, and permanent victory in Christ.

Paul prays higher than their circumstantial wellbeing and farther out than their life expectancy. In doing so, Paul is both authoring and modeling a prayer for these Christians to live out the win they already have in Christ.



## READ THE PASSAGE

Read Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

**For established groups:**

Try reading the passage in the ESV, then read it in 1-2 other translations. What words are different? Does the phrasing change the meaning in a significant way in places? You can also pull up a Bible reference app and check out what some of these words mean in the original language.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Remember that your Group Leader and Connect group is here to support you every step of the way.
- Before you read scripture, pray a short prayer asking God's Spirit to help you understand what He wants you to receive from His Word. It is His breath that brings life and opens our minds and hearts to spiritual truth.
- Ask "Holy Spirit, help me/us understand Your word."

## ENGAGE WITH THE PASSAGE

1. What reputation did this church have that was so potent that it reached Paul's ears?
2. How has your faith changed how you love?
3. Paul gives us a list of specific things he's consistently praying over this church in Ephesus (vv. 17-19). We can pray like this.
4. Once Paul gets started talking about Jesus, he just keeps going! What do these verses (19-23) help us see about Christ?
5. We often think about the inheritance God has waiting for us. But Paul says that we are also God's inheritance. What does it mean for you that God looks at His people as treasures He looks forward to fully receiving?
6. The church is the body of Christ, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Then we, as members of that body, have different functions as we embody Christ to the world. What is your function in the body of Christ? How does this extend past church meeting time and into your life as a whole?

## NEXT STEPS

Last week, we asked people to sit down and write some things about their Ephesus and their soul. Did anyone have any surprises from that exercise? Did anything stand out to you?

- What things needed to change to better nourish your soul?
- What do you believe that needs to be expressed through love?

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

***Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called."***

## PRACTICE

Draw a timeline on a blank sheet of paper. Put a dot labeled "right now" on the left side of the line. Draw a line where you imagine your life expectancy is. Draw an arrow at the right to show the line continuing into eternity.

Now write some prayers you have of things you want God to do. Connect them in your mind or with a symbol to where on the timeline they fit. Make sure to also pray for things that will continue long past your lifespan and into eternity. Your impact through prayer can be felt through the ages, long after your memory fades. Ask Him what He wants to do.