

INTO LIFE

study guide

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Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23
Series: Marked



What does it mean to be Christian? What is at the core of who a Christian is? What does that look like lived out? What does it mean to be marked? Join us as we explore some of these foundational questions from the Christian life.

Ephesians Overview:

Author and Date: Ephesians was written by the apostle Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 61.

First readers and their location:

Ephesians was written to a very cosmopolitan setting with many different ethnicities, cultures, and social standings. It was most likely sent to a group of cities surrounding the city of Ephesus. Ephesus was a major centre with a population estimated to be 600,000. It was also a major port city. Along with this economic and political standing it was also home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Diana or Artemis. It was well known to be a very immoral city.



Why was it written?: Paul wrote this book to expand on teachings regarding, identity in Christ, Living for Christ, Unity in Christ, and the purpose and place of the church in God's Kingdom.

Open-up

Looking back on your life, when have you been the most thankful? What were the circumstances surrounding that time?



Into the Bible

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...) Ask the question, "What does it say?" (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

For what reason is Paul thankful? (See verses 13-14)

What does Paul reveal about how we know God better?

How is God's power shown in this passage? What picture is painted about Christ?



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

How would you define hope? What about this passage can change your perspective on hope?

Is there any area of your life that is influencing the hope that you have in Jesus? (Pray for each other after answering this one)

Thinking about how God displayed his power in this passage. Is there an area of your life where you are experiencing a display of his power? What is it?

Is there an area where you need a display of God's power? (Temptation, sickness, attitude, something else)

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World

Ask, "what does this look like in my day to day life?"

Knowing the power that is yours in Christ how can you face this week differently?

This week, commit to pray four times for other believers using this passage as a guide. Write their names below.

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1304>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

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Sunday mornings
to celebrate and
learn about God



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go deeper in relation-
ships with each other
and God



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and community to
present Jesus to the
world