



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 regard-

Open-up

Has there ever been a time in your life where you received something generous you did not expect or did not deserve? What was it? Why did it have such an impact on you?



Into the Bible

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

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)

What is the state, or condition, of those who are dead in their "transgressions and sins?"(2:1-3) How inclusive is this condition? What do we do to attain this position?

What is the state or condition of those who are in Christ? What do we do to attain this position? (2:4-9)

According to Paul, what is one motivator for living for Christ? (2:10)



Into my life

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

Read verse 10 again. What encouragement can this bring you today? How can it transform your view of your day to day life?

This passage presents a past, present, and future concept. What is the past, present, and future for those in Christ? From this passage, what is true for you?

Sometimes, even though we are made alive with Christ, we still engage in things that are “the ways of this world.” In your life what are those things? (Spend time confessing those sins to God and exploring how the Holy Spirit might be leading you out of those sins)

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?”

Spend time brainstorming how you are God’s handiwork in all your uniqueness. What kind of works do you think God has prepared for you to do? (Pray for each other in this)

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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That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings
to celebrate and
learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that
go deeper in relation-
ships with each other
and God



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Serving in the church
and community to
present Jesus to the
world