

Sermon Discussion Guide

Praying with Paul: Week 1

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Ephesians 1:15-23

Main Ideas

In this passage, Paul prays that the Church would grow in the knowledge, hope, and power of God. This power, according to Paul, is displayed in the resurrection of Jesus, something that proves the supremacy of God above any other ruler or authority. This is the power that is working towards those who put their faith in Christ, and reminds us of the reason of our hope.

Discussion Questions

1. What would you say are the biggest struggles you have with prayer? What, if anything, keeps you from consistent and life-giving prayer?
2. What do we learn from the things that Paul prays for in this passage?
3. What is something about God that you have recently learned, been reminded of, or appreciate in a new way?
 - a. Why is it so important for us to continue to grow in our knowledge of who God is?
 - b. Do you ever feel like you have plateaued in how well you know God?
4. How would you define hope? Do you ever feel the temptation to put your hope in other people? In yourself? In money, politics, etc.?
5. Is there something going on in your life where you need the power of God in a specific way? How can we, as a group, pray for each other?
6. As a group, how can we be praying for our church?