

STRENGTHENED IN CHRIST

Ephesians 1:15-23
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INTRO

1. Paul's prayer to the Corinthians
2. Paul's prayer to the Ephesians

A. THE FULLNESS OF PAUL'S PRAYER

1. A spirit of wisdom and revelation (v. 17a)
2. A mind of knowing God deeper (v. 17b)
3. A heart enlightened with hope (v. 18a)

B. THE RICHS OF CHRIST'S INHERITANCE

1. God has given us confidence (v. 18b)
2. God has called us (v. 18c)
3. God has comprised us with his rich inheritance (v. 18d)

C. THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST'S CHARACTER

1. Christ's power (v. 19-20)
2. Christ's position (v. 21-22)
3. Christ's possession (v. 23)

CONCLUSION

Let us receive the fullness, riches and greatness of this prayer.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

A. ICEBREAKER

- What is something you're thankful for in this season of your life?

B. EXPLORATION

- In verses 15-16, Paul mentions hearing about the Ephesians' faith in Jesus and love for others. How does your faith in Christ and love for others show up in your daily life?
- Paul prays for the "eyes of your heart" to be enlightened in verse 18. What do you think it means for the eyes of your heart to be opened?
- What does "the hope to which He has called you" mean to you personally?
- Paul speaks about "the riches of His glorious inheritance" in verse 18. How does knowing that God values you as His inheritance change your view of yourself?
- In verse 19, Paul describes the "incomparably great power" available to believers. What are some ways you've experienced or seen God's power in your life or the lives of others?
- Verses 20-23 speak about Jesus' authority over all things. How does understanding Christ's authority affect the way you approach challenges and difficulties?

C. APPLICATION

- Is there an area of your life where you need to see with "spiritual eyes" rather than physical eyes? How can this group pray for you in that area?
- How can you live with greater awareness of the hope, value, and power Paul describes in this passage? What practical steps can you take this week?

D. CONCLUSION

- Close the Life Group by praying for one another, asking God to open the eyes of each person's heart and to fill them with His hope, purpose, and power as described in Ephesians 1:15-23.