

How does it encourage you?

5. Give some examples of how the power of God is misunderstood or misrepresented in our contemporary Evangelical culture.

6. Make a list of the ways you could pray for God's power in your life that would bring glory to His name.

7. Take time to pray together for one another.

- I. B. 1. perceive, significance, scope. | I. B. 2. heart, knowledge.
- II. A. 1. pessimism. | II. A. 2. spiritual. | II. A. 3. worthy, undivided.
- II. C. 2. resurrection, exaltation, dominion.
- II. C. 3. transforming grace, unwavering faith, constraining love.



Week 5: OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE

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I. The Purpose of Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 1:15-17).

A. Giving thanks.

B. Gaining insight.

1. The Holy Spirit enables us to _____ the _____ and _____ of God's blessings.

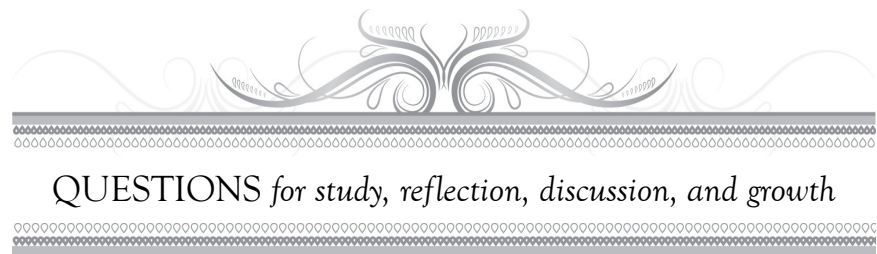
2. Prayer opens my _____ to the _____ of God.

II. The Petition of Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 1:18-19a).

Enlightenment to Know:

A. The Hope of His Calling.

What is the hope of God's calling? It is the confident expectation that because God called us to be His at salvation, we can look forward to the completion of His work within us and the grace that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13).



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

1. In contrast to the _____ of paganism.
2. In the light of their _____ blessings.
3. A _____ walk and an _____ heart (Ephesians 4:1-6).

B. The Glory of His Inheritance.

1. Redemption revealed.
2. Trophies of grace.

C. The Greatness of His Power.

1. The measure of God's power (Ephesians 1:19).
2. The manifestation of God's power (Ephesians 1:20-23)
 - God's power is revealed in the _____ of Jesus Christ.
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3. The meaning of God's power in our lives
 - The power of _____.
 - The power of _____.
 - The power of _____.

Notes:

1. Read Ephesians 1:15-23, Colossians 1:9-12, and Philippians 2:3-1.
2. Why did Paul want to pray for the Ephesians?

Do you believe there are some things we can never know about God apart from prayer? If so, what might some of those things be?

What prompts you to pray?

3. Compare your typical requests made in prayer with those of Paul in Colossians 1:9-12. Are there differences? If so, what are the most significant differences?

How might Paul's prayers help you focus your requests on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ?

4. What three things does Paul request on behalf of the Ephesians? How might insight into these three things encourage believers?