



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Eph. 1:17-21a

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Open the Bible. Read Eph. 1:17-21

Have someone read this overview:

Sermon Summary:

Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1 is not like most of our prayers. His prayer is for others to have spiritual wisdom and revelation to know God. Furthermore he prays for their hearts to be enlightened to know three things. To know the hope of God's calling, to know the wealth of God's inheritance in the saints and to know the immeasurable greatness of His power. There is so much more for us to know regarding these three things.

Our hope is much more than going to heaven when we die. The fact that we are God's glorious inheritance should profoundly change the way we relate to Him. The power that is available to us is much greater than we can imagine. All of these need our spiritual eyes to be opened.

Discussion:

1. What do you think Paul means when he prays "that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened?"
2. What personal examples can you give that illustrate "the eyes of your heart" being enlightened.

3. How would you respond to a person who asks you: "What do you hope for?"
4. What is your response when you hear that you are God's inheritance?
5. What do you think it means that all the believers are God's inheritance? How should this affect the way we see our fellow believers?
6. Why do we have trouble realizing that the immeasurable greatness of God's power is available to us?
7. What would happen if the church realized and applied the power that has been given to it?
8. Practice praying this prayer for a week.

End with Prayer.

- Ask the Father for enlightenment to see our hope, God's inheritance and God's power.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.