

November 17 – 23

Walk Worthy | Knowledge of God

Icebreaker: What is it like to discover new things? (Consider your own experience or that of children)

In this session, we will consider how our increasing knowledge of God transforms us.

Read Ephesians 1:15–23 (Consider reading in both ESV and NLT)

- In verse 15, how does Paul describe these believers? How is this different from how he must address believers in his other letters?

Paul's prayer is rich in structure and reveals much about Christ's nature and what he has done for us. The parts of the prayer build upon the previous sections.

- *Verse 16-17: Main prayer for the wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.*
 - Why is knowledge of God essential to a person's spiritual walk, even for mature believers like these Ephesians?
- *Verse 18a: Describing an increasing knowledge of God – eyes of heart enlightened.*
 - What does it mean to have the eyes of our hearts enlightened? Why is this necessary?
- *Verse 18b-19a: The results from the eyes of our heart being enlightened.*
 - *The hope to which he has called you:* What is this hope?
 - *The riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints:* What is this?
 - *The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe:* How is God's power displayed in the lives of believers?
- *Verse 19b-20: These results are based on the power demonstrated in Jesus.*
 - How was the resurrection and ascension of Jesus the ultimate demonstration of God's power?
- *Verses 21–23 describe what is now true about Jesus.*
 - What do we learn about Jesus' current standing?
 - How is the church made complete by Christ?

Application

- How did God enlighten your heart when you came to faith in Jesus? What changed in your understanding that led to your conversion?
- How has your knowledge of God grown over time? How has that knowledge changed you?
- Do you live with a sense of God's power at work in your life? How would it change you if you had a greater understanding of his power in your daily life?
- Why is the church necessary, according to this passage? What does this say about our responsibilities to our neighbors and humanity?