

Jan 19/25 - Small Group Questions

Ephesians 1:15-23 “Eyes of your Hearts Enlightened”

1. Part of Paul’s reason for praying the way that he does is that he is thankful that their faith in Jesus has borne fruit in faith and love. In the same vein, what are you thankful for in our church community, in your small group community? Begin your time together in prayer thanking God for his work in our midst.

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

2. Paul prays that the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened. For the ancient listener the heart was the center of the human personality involving the will, emotions, and intellect all aligned that we would *know*... not in the western way of knowing with facts and figures, but in the Hebrew way of knowing, that is having an experiential knowledge. How does this understanding of our heart, and the nature of knowing, shape your understanding of the nature of Christian faith?
3. Paul wants us to know three things, the hope of your calling, the riches of his inheritance in the saints, the immeasurable greatness of his power towards us. What do each mean? How will it shape our lives to “know” these things?
4. (vs. 20–23) What is the nature of Jesus’ relationship with the church? How does this impact our community life? Your life personally?
5. Close in prayer by reading Paul’s prayer pausing after each line to allow for people to pray in step with Paul.