



Community Group Guide

“Spiritual Insight”

Week of January 17

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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Scripture

Read *Ephesians 1:15-21*

Key Point From Message

Two foundational things Paul prayed for:

- That the Father would give a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
- That the eyes of the heart may be enlightened

Three things Paul prayed would be a reality as a result of the two foundational statements

- That you may know hope
- That you may know the wealth of His glorious inheritance
- That you would know the immeasurable greatness of His power

Other Scripture Referenced: *Psalm 139:13-16; Acts 19; John 5:39-40; Romans 8:11*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week’s Scripture relates to our lives.

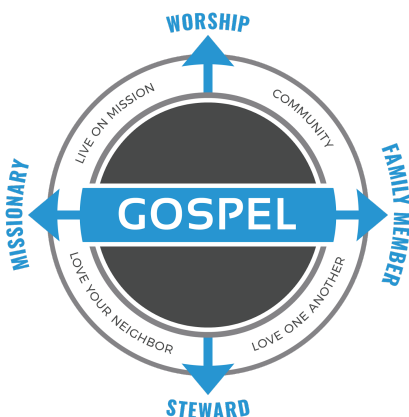


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God’s kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. What are the keys to understanding the foundations Paul lays out?
3. Is your theology based more on information or inspiration? Is there a disconnect between your mind and your heart?
4. What is the biblical definition of hope? What is biblical hope based on?
5. How do you view your worth? How does Christ view your worth?
6. How can you help someone who is struggling with their self worth?
7. How would you explain the immeasurable greatness of God's power?
8. How does this passage impact the prayers you pray for the church?

Action Step

This Sunday was National Sanctity of Life Sunday. We talked about how the sanctity of life is not just about abortion, but about the importance of protecting life from the womb to the tomb. What opportunities are there in your group's local community to get involved and demonstrate the value of the sanctity of life? Are there single parents who could use help? Are there mothers or fathers who are grieving and need hope? Is there a member of your group being called to foster or adopt and needs support? Discuss how your group can make a positive impact on your community by illustrating the importance of the sanctity of life.

Memory Verse

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

-Colossians 1:9-12 (CSB)
