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Small Group Guide: Seeing Clearly - A Study of Ephesians 1:15-23

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. Paul's prayer is for believers to have continual curiosity about Jesus and to "put on the glasses" to see clearly.
2. We need to know our hope, our worth, and God's power in our lives.
3. We live in the overlap of two ages - the present age and the age to come.
4. The church is the new power center where God's kingdom is advancing.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor used the analogy of putting on glasses to see clearly. How does this relate to our spiritual lives? In what areas of your life do you need to "put on the glasses" to see God's truth more clearly?
2. Paul prays for believers to know three things: their hope, their worth, and God's power. Which of these do you struggle to see or believe the most in your life? Why?
3. The sermon mentioned that we can become complacent in our faith. What are some signs of spiritual complacency in your life? How can we cultivate continual curiosity about Jesus?
4. Discuss the concept of living in the "overlap" of two ages. How does this understanding impact how we view the world and our role as Christians?
5. The pastor stated that the church, not political institutions, is the real decision-making body for a city's future. How does this challenge your view of the church's role in society? What implications does this have for our local church?
6. Reflect on the quote about the church being both flawed and family. How can we better love and support one another despite our imperfections?

Practical Applications:

1. Commit to a daily prayer practice this week, focusing on asking God to help you "see" His truth more clearly in your life.
2. Identify one area where you've become complacent in your faith. Take a concrete step to renew your curiosity in that area (e.g., start a new Bible study, have a spiritual conversation with a friend, serve in a new way).
3. Write a note of encouragement to someone in your church family, expressing your appreciation for them as part of God's family.

4. Spend time reflecting on God's power in your life. Journal about instances where you've seen His strength at work, even in small ways.
5. As a group, brainstorm ways your small group can positively impact your local community, keeping in mind the church's role as a "power center" for change.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon throughout the week and to share any insights or experiences at the next meeting.