

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: Prayers For The Church – Ryan Finney
14 September 2025
Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:15-19

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

As we continue our sermon series in Ephesians, Ryan explores the powerful prayer Paul prays over the church at Ephesus. He prays for them to receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and that their hearts would be enlightened. Let's get into the message and see what else Ryan unpacks for us this week in his message, **Prayers For The Church**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to think about how you can help the church become what it was created to be. Did any thoughts come to mind? Are there areas in your life where you can, and should be, better as a member of the church? Do your thoughts, words, and actions bring unity in the church and among believers? What did the Holy Spirit reveal?
2. Is there something that really stood out to you from Ryan's message this week?
3. Who are the saints Paul refers to in verse 15?
4. What does it mean to be a saint? How does this differ from, or alter our idea on what it means to be a saint? And, even who is considered a saint?
5. Paul prays that the church will "know Him more". (v. 17) Why is this important? What happens when we "know Him more"? Does it make a difference in our lives to "know Him more"? If so, what?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What was one of your most memorable experiences while growing up? What made it so?
2. When was the last time you went on a picnic? Where did you go?
3. What is one thing about you that most people probably don't know?

6. Paul prayed that the church in Ephesus would experience hope, inheritance, and power. Describe the hope, inheritance, and power Paul talks about. How should each of these impact the way we live?

APPLICATION

The truths Paul prays over the Ephesians (hope, inheritance, and power) aren't just good ideas, but realities to live out in our own lives. One of the most powerful ways we can do that is to pray for one another. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to bring someone to mind you can pray for. Pray for them to experience these truths in their lives in a powerful, impactful way.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Heart of the House. September 23 and 30, 6:30-8:30pm. 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. Dinner is provided on both nights and childcare is available for children 3 months to 5th grade. Registration deadline is 16 September. Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+jfq6kch>

The Call – Men's Retreat. 3-4 October. Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. Join us for two powerful days of spiritual growth, worship, brotherhood, and unforgettable fun — all centered on being Rooted in Christ. The guest speaker is renowned author, Bob Sorge. Registration extended until 19 September.

Register at:

<https://nwckc.com/men?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LytjeDcyNnd6L3JlZ2lzdGVyP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWU mZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2Vu dFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJidngycHNj>

Haiti Joy Hope Silent Auction. 1:30-4:00pm, 5 October. Liberty Community Center, 1600 S Withers Rd Liberty, MO 64068. Come bid on amazing items from local retail and services, gift cards, and so much more! ALL proceeds go to caring for vulnerable kids in Haiti - supporting a School, Feeding Programs, and a Children's Home!

All Church Picnic. 1:00 - ?, 12 October. Oak Grove Park, 800 NE 76th St, Kansas City, MO (just around the corner from Oak Park High School). Lunch will be provided. Bring a chair. Bring a game. Come hang out with your New Wine Church family. Get to know someone new. Bring a friend!

FINAL THOUGHT

Holiness is living in love, integrity, and humility.