

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: Melody Of A Prophet. – David Poole

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Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:1-21

## 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

This week, David continues our sermon series in the book of Ephesians with his message entitled, **Melody Of A**

**Prophet.** In this message, we see that sin is rooted in self-gratification. It is inward focused. So how do we break free of sin in our lives? With a heart and words of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is outward focused and helps us cultivate an intimate relationship with God. Through this intimate relationship we learn to sing a melody of heartfelt praise to God, and this melody we sing brings hope to others. Let's get going and find out more.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to let the Holy Spirit show you any area of your life where you might be grieving the Spirit. Did He bring anything to light you might share with your group?
2. What is something that stood out to you from David's message this week?
3. Sin always leaves us hungry. It never satisfies. Can you think of examples of how this is true? What about any examples from your own life?
4. The ones who are the most skilled are the ones who receive (accept) the most instruction. How does this apply to our walk with God? What happens if we refuse to accept His instruction?
5. Read 2 Samuel 12:12-13. How did the prophet Nathan confront David with his sin? How did David respond? And yet, we know from the scriptures that David was considered an "man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22). Why was David considered a "man after God's own heart" even after sinning? How should that affect our lives?

## 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 is your favorite Christmas song/carol?
2. When do you open your Christmas gifts?
3. Do you have a special Christmas tradition with family?

6. Tefillah prayer is prayer that comes from the heart. It is an opportunity for us to step out of ourselves and our self-absorption. It is a chance for us to bare our hearts to God and expose all to Him. When we pray this way, we remind ourselves of what He “needs” from us and not to remind God of what we “need” from Him.

How does this type of prayer create within us a melody? What is significant about this melody in our lives?

### **APPLICATION**

Take some time this week and try to engage in Tefillah prayer. Open your heart to the Father. Allow your heart to sing a melody of thanksgiving to Him. Think who you know who needs to hear this melody. Share with them what God has done in your life.

### **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.

**Christmas At New Wine**, 23 December at 6:00pm and 24 December at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Join us for a beautiful evening of worship, reflection, and celebration as we honor the birth of Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and family.

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### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**Grace doesn't cancel repentance. It makes repentance possible.**