

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



*These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.*

### Overview

Sermon: *Live Enlightened.*

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. – Ephesians 1:18-19 (NIV)*

You need help growing in your relationship with Jesus. A deep knowing of Jesus is accessible through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is what allows you to understand the deep thoughts of God. You need the Helper, to help you know Jesus better.

Mostly what we may think of when we hear “know Jesus” is gaining more knowledge. We gain knowledge through his word and knowledge can be power. But I think Paul would say knowledge is prayer. Remember it is in worship and prayer that we get to tell God all that we know about him. In prayer, we listen to him, and talk to him. We commune with God. We make requests of him. What we are seeking more than facts is friendship. What we are pursuing more than information is relationship. Ask God to give you his revealing Spirit. Through wisdom and revelation seek to grow in your relationship with him.

### Discussion

1. Discuss this statement, “Don’t just read the letter (epistle), know Him (God) better.” How are we to become living epistles (letters).
2. Read Ephesians 1:18-19. Why does Paul pray that they may have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation? What keeps you from knowing Jesus better? How is knowing Jesus more about relationship than information?
3. What does Paul mean when he asks for the eyes of their hearts to be enlightened? When you are enlightened what does this allow you to know (verses 18-19)?
4. Hope, riches, and power. What competes against these blessings of God in your life? How can faithfully living into these spiritual truths in relationship with Jesus radically change your life?

### Application

5. You need spiritual vision. How can you begin to see the freedom you have in Jesus to live an abundant, godly life?
6. Spend time in prayer with one another. Ask God to give you enlightenment, his revealing Spirit, that the eyes of your heart may be opened.

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