

# EPHESIANS

## Pray for Enlightened Eyes

### As an Individual

We often go through life thinking we have God figured out, comfortable with our understanding of who He is and what He's capable of. But like walking through a dark cave, we need God to continually illuminate new areas of our spiritual journey. Take time this week in quiet reflection to wrestle with these realities. Consider where you might be putting God in a box rather than asking Him to reveal more of Himself. Ask Him to enlighten the eyes of your heart so you can see the beauty of His blessings more clearly—the hope of His calling, the wealth of His church, and the immeasurable greatness of His power.

### As a Group:

1. Share about a time when God revealed something new to you about who He is or what He's done for you—a moment when "the lights came on" in your spiritual journey.
2. Discuss how we tend to treat God like other forms of knowledge—wanting to fill our minds with facts rather than truly experiencing Him.
  - a. Consider Pastor Phil's challenge: Are you reading the Bible to learn *about* God or to learn *with* God what it means to be "salvationed"?
  - b. Discuss why we're more comfortable when we can put God in a box versus continuously asking Him to reveal more of Himself.

### Review these Scriptures

Ephesians 1:15-19

### Consider these Questions

Focus on praying for enlightened eyes—for yourself and others and placing a greater emphasis on experiencing God's ongoing revelation rather than purely accumulating knowledge about him.

1. How can you practice "praying without ceasing" the way Paul describes—praying for people as they come to mind throughout your day? What would happen if we told them about it like Paul did when he wrote the Ephesians?
2. What does it mean to have "the eyes of your heart enlightened"? What areas of your life need this enlightenment right now?
3. How does recognizing more of your own sin actually help you understand the greatness of Jesus' sacrifice?
4. How can we pray Paul's prayer (verses 15-19) for one another this week in practical ways?
5. What would change in your life if you grasped more of the immeasurable greatness of God's power that is available to you?
6. How can we support one another in continuously asking God to reveal more of Himself rather than settling for what we already understand?