

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 1:15-18

Extra Notes:

John Owen wrote, “*Be acquainted, then, with thine own heart: though it be deep, search it; though it be dark, inquire into it; though it give all its distempers other names than what are their due, believe it not.*”

1) Praise for the church. (Eph. 1:15-16)

- Our spiritual inheritance produces praise! *Share a time when you experienced a blessing that produced praise.*
- In Ephesians 1, Paul reveals praise in two ways. Examine them in light of the supplemented verses.
 1. Our faith in Christ. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
 2. Our love towards the saints. (1Peter 2:17)

2) Prayer for the church. (Eph. 1:16-17)

- Jesus + _____ = That’s right, nothing!
- How might we view the above equation in light of Colossians 2:8. What some modern examples of:
 - Philosophy: _____
 - Empty Deceit: _____
 - Human Tradition: _____
- How will God’s wisdom and revelation guard us from being held captive? *Is there a time when you have experienced or witness someone being held captive by one of the above examples?*

3) Plan for the church. (Eph. 1:18)

- Why must our hearts be enlightened? Why is it dangerous to be led by our hearts? Compare with Matthew 15:18-19.
- How might we see a difference between being led by our hearts and the Holy Spirit? According to the Scriptures, which provides a godly outcome? (John 14:1)
- Compare with 2 Chronicles 12:13-16 with Matt. 22:37.