

### 3. What Paul Prays

- Paul prays for WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE to know three truths

### 4. What God wants you to know

- Know the HOPE HE'S CALLED YOU TO
- Know the RICHES HE'S GIVEN YOU
- Know the POWER HE'S USING FOR YOU

### 5. What God wants you to do

- Ask the question, "WHAT'S NEXT?"

**KNOW THE HOPE, THE RICHES, AND  
THE POWER YOU HAVE IN JESUS!**

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**NEXT WEEK**  
Welcoming Children Home  
Conference Speaker Philip Pattison

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## What God Wants You to Know

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sunday, October 27, 2019

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*Paul prayed a lot, so why was this one recorded for us to read thousands of years later? Why is Paul praying and what is he praying for? As we explore Ephesians 1:15-23, we see not only the why and the what of Paul's prayer, but also the confidence he has in prayer.*

### 1. 2 things prayer is not

- Prayer is not CRISIS MANAGEMENT
- Prayer is not just about our PROBLEMS, prayer is also about our PRAISE

### 2. Why Paul Prays

- Paul prays because of THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST
- Paul prays because of THEIR LOVE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST



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Growth Group Interaction Guide

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*Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we live out our "body life" together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

### Connecting Together

Growth Group time is family time and families celebrate. If people in your group go out for Halloween, brainstorm how you might do something as a group to celebrate together and reach your neighbors.

### Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. At Grace Central Coast we try not to ask, "How did you like the message?" but rather, "How did you come under God's Word in the message?" So how did you this week?
2. We can tend to use prayer as a crisis management tool or only when we have problems. How different might your prayer life look if you also prayed as a way to praise God?
3. The Ephesian church was known for their faith in Jesus AND their love for all Christians. Why is it so difficult sometimes for us to love other Christians?

4. These verses record Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus, but these aren't just Paul's words. How does knowing that these are the inspired words of God change how we read these verses?
5. *Your Growth Group as a Family:* How does knowing the hope we've been called to, the riches we've been given, and the power God uses for us, change the way we relate to one another and those inside the church?
6. *Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:* How does knowing the hope we've been called to, the riches we've been given, and the power God uses for us, change the way we relate to people outside the church?

### Praying Together

- Begin your time by praising God for who He is and what He has given us in Jesus. Remember: prayer is not a crisis management tool!
- Pray that our faith in Jesus would drive us to love all Christians.
- Pray that our hope, riches, and power in Christ would drive us to share Christ with not-yet Christians.
- Pray for one another's real needs and ask, "How can we meet each others' needs this week?"