

HOME GROUP

21st October

Ephesians: In Christ

Optional Discussion starter: How do we tend to pray for one another?

Having praised God for blessing his people “in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ” (1:3) and unpacked what some of these blessings are (4-14), the Apostle Paul goes on to pray for this church in Ephesus accordingly (15a).

In this tremendous prayer, we are shown the Apostle’s priorities in prayer and we are challenged about the ways we might pray for one another.

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

1) How do verses 15-16 help us pray with thankfulness for one another? How – and for whom – might you pray similarly this week? What inhibits our sense of thankfulness when praying for fellow believers?

2) What does Paul go on to pray for in verses 17-23? What practical difference would it make if we better understood the **hope**, **inheritance** and **power** Paul prays for a knowledge of here?

3) How do these verses (and esp. 22-23) help us to see that Christ’s Church is a very exciting thing to be a part of?

4) What in this passage has taught or challenged you the most about prayer?