

Small Group Study Guide, Week of August 18, 2024

Ephesians 1:15-23; "The Great Treasure We Have in Christ," Jake Sizemore

Ice Breaker: What do you remember about Thanksgiving Day when you were a child? What is most meaningful about that day now?

Dig:

1. What motivated Paul to pray for "the saints in Ephesus"? What specific things does Paul pray for them? What does he mean by our "inheritance" and spiritual "power"? "How do you think he will recognize when his prayers are answered?"
2. In vv20-23, what is Christ's present position in relation to (a) God, (b) other powers and authorities, (c) the universe, and (d) the church? If the church is Christ's "body," what does that imply for us? How does Jesus give hope and power?

Apply:

3. Following up on Question 2, how has your conception of Christ expanded from your study of vv20-23?
4. How would you change if your small group prayed vv17-19 regularly for each other? Try it and see.

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)