

2-13-22 The Facilitator, God's Power Toward His People Ephesians 1 vs15-23

1. Launchers: The Needs of Our Christian Friends

- When you hear of a friend who has faith in the Lord Jesus and love for all the saints what do you think they need? What do you pray for them?

2. Worship – Read Psalm 111. Praise God as You Remember His Wonderous Works

3. Sermon Reflection: Ephesians 1:15-23 - God's Power Toward His People

OUR PLEA FOR GOD'S WORK

- Why was Paul confident about God's work in His people?
- What are your aspirations? List them.
- What are your aspirations for those you love? List them.
- How are you earthbound in your aspirations?
- How are you earthbound in your prayers?

VS. NEED IN OUR LIVES

- What does the work of God reveal about us?
- What is the eternal or heavenly solution to your earthbound problem?
- How have you lived proud denying God's help?
- How have you so inflated your sins that you or your friends are to far gone to be saved by the likes of Jesus?

GIVEN IN LOVE

- Who is working on our behalf?
 - How is our Father in Heaven working on your behalf?
 - How is Jesus working on your behalf?
 - How is Holy Spirit working on your behalf?
- How does the work of each member of the Trinity embolden your faith to ask great things of God for your friends?
- Who in your life needs this glorious work of God's Grace? Ask Him to help.

4. Kingdom Centered Prayer:

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for His generous love and immeasurable power toward us who believe. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is so willing to share with us His riches.
2. How have you lived in unbelief, either ignoring or denying what He has revealed about Himself and you? Confess your denial of His revelation to you, asking Jesus to forgive you and open your eyes to His work for you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to redeem us from the guilt and wreckage of our sin. Thank Him for all He has done by His power.
4. Who do you know that needs hope? Ask the Lord to help them and make known to them *His* riches and power freely shared with us in Christ?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of His goodness and faithfulness. Pray for a growing confidence in Christ so that you live with hope, purpose and faithfully because of His power at work in you.

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5. **Mission:** Christians are people on mission praying for Christians on mission.

Our mission this week is to pray specifically for friends we know have faith in the Lord Jesus and love all the saints. Have a ball this week asking for great things for our Christian brothers and sisters.

Read Ephesians 1:15-23 each morning. Get a 3x5 card and fill it with summaries of the great "asks" from this passage that Paul makes for his Ephesian Christian friends. Carry the card with each day. Set an alarm to stop make these big asks for the folks you have been with or are going to be.

Asking God to

- Give the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him
- That the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened
- That we would know what is the hope to which He has called us
- That He would make us aware of the riches of His Glorious inheritance in the saints
- We would know the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe
- That we would know the great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but the age to come.
- That God put all things under His feet
- And gave Him as Head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

6. **Jesus From Others**

Close your time together by letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?