

Thursday

Read Ephesians 1:18-20. In the Bible, what does it mean to have hope? What is meant when Paul prays that we would understand “the hope of our calling?” It is not like a hope that tomorrow the sun will shine but it is an assurance that all that has been revealed to me is true and can be trusted. What does God see when he looks at you? How does that make you feel? How much power do you possess? What analogy does God use to help you know how much power you have? Be strong and believe that nothing is impossible in light of who God is and what he has done in and for you!

Friday

Read Judges 6:11-40. What was Gideon’s original problem? What did he believe his resources were? What excuses did he make? What did God say to him...what might God be saying to you through this? What does it mean when God said to Gideon, “I will be with you!” What was Gideon eventually empowered to do? I believe this is a perfect illustration of what Paul is trying to get us to understand. It might seem hopeless, you might feel weak and outnumbered but here’s what we need to remember, GOD IS WITH YOU! Don’t ever forget and don’t ever lose hope!

WAKE UP... and see the Glory My Prayer for You Ephesians 1:15-20a

Introduction
Look no farther than your own heart!

A Prayer of Thanksgiving (v. 15-16)

- Upward faith in Christ
- Outward love for the saints

A Prayer for Insight (v. 17)

- Wisdom – a glimpse into the _____ of things.
- Revelation – an unveiling of the _____ things.
- Knowledge – a blending of _____ and _____.

A Prayer for Understanding (v. 18-20)

- This is a _____!
- You are a _____!
- This power now _____ you!

Conclusion
I’m going for it because I have nothing to lose!

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

Doesn't it make your day when someone comes up to you and simply says, "I want you to know that I have been praying for you." You don't even need to know what they specifically prayed for, just the fact that they took the time to pray for you is encouraging enough. Whether this experience is common for you or you can't remember the last time someone prayed for you, this past Sunday morning we learned that someone prayed for us. Pastor Paul encouraged us to pray that our eyes will be awakened to the glory of our **HOPE**, our **WEALTH** and our **POWER**, a prayer that the Father of Glory has marvelously answered. Let's dive in together.

Monday

Read Ephesians 1:1-14. What thoughts come to your mind as you read these marvelous words? I want you to circle at least five descriptive words in the text and ask yourself, "Do I understand what these words mean for me?" These foundational principles never lose their power and must not lose their appeal. Ask God to help you come to a greater understanding of these words and may it bless you now!

Tuesday

Read Ephesians 1:15-16. What is Paul so grateful for? What has the faith of the people in Ephesus produced in their church? What does it mean to have faith? Would you say that your faith is producing love around you, in our church? As we come to internalize what has been done on our behalf, my prayer is that we would all respond with unusual love for everyone around us! Pray that God would grow your faith and see to it that it produces love.

Wednesday

Read Ephesians 1:17. What does Paul want you to understand? How does he want you to understand it? What is the result of all that we are supposed to learn? God has given us insight into the true nature of things and the skill to apply it to our souls and lives. All this is designed to grow our experiential knowledge of Christ. Here's a question, are you doing that? Are you growing? Are you in a small group, what tools are you using to help you understand the Scripture more deeply? Ask God to help you grow right now!