

CONNECTED THROUGH PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Ephesians 1:15-20 | 01.19.25

REFERENCES

II Peter 1:3-4
Colossians 1:12
Philippians 3:10
I Corinthians 2:9-11

APPLICATION

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ME?

NEXT PASSAGE: Ephsians 1:20-24





ICEBREAKERS

Tell your group about something you purchased or received that was like a puzzle to construct. You had all the parts, but were unsure of how it all went together. Have you ever been prevented from doing something because of a loss of power? This might include electrical power, muscle power, or another source of power.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Answer Thoughtfully with Scripture):

- 1. Christians are often distracted away from quality prayer.
- What kinds of things distract us from or during prayer-time?
- What Bible passages remind us to focus our attention on God?
- Brainstorm some practical ways to focus in prayer.
- 2. The healthy church requires wisdom in the revelation of God in Christ.
- If "revelation" means the cover being taken off, what kind of things obscure to our minds who Christ really is?
- How are God's wisdom and His "revelation" related in the context of the Bible, God's Word?
- 3. Christians have been given a calling and future inheritance.
- Why is it important for us to better understand our calling and our inheritance?
- What does it mean to be enlightened in a Biblical sense?
- Can you tell of a time that you couldn't see clear truth?
- **4.** Why are we sometimes tempted to access the wrong types of power in church-life?
 - In what ways is God the power-source of the church?
 - What does resurrection power have to do with evangelizing, suffering and serving?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read II Corinthians 4:7-9. Paul describes a period of intense challenge in his life. How can God's power help us in our most challenging circumstances and when we feel the weakest?