

Series: Ephesus

Message: Ancient City – Modern City

March 13, 2022

Life Group Study

For week of March 13, 2022

Ephesians 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle (one who is sent).

Ephesus / Vancouver

When the real thing (Jesus) shows up.

Unity with God.

What have I done with the name of Jesus?

Do I trust God with my eternity or with my daily life?

Is joining a Life Group your next step? Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

Which do you prefer? Small Town/Rural or Big City/Urban? Why?

What do you like most about the city you live in? What would you like to change about it? What do you think God desires for our city?

Connect to God's story

Read Ephesians 1:1-2.

Who wrote this letter to the church in Ephesus? What do you know about the author? How did he become an apostle? What does he say about the people of Ephesus?

Read Acts 26:4-23.

What do you learn about Paul from this passage? Who interrupted Paul and what was he setting out to do? Who is God's light for?

Paul ends the greeting to the saints (holy people) in Ephesus by giving them this blessing: "May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace." How have you experienced grace and peace? Why might it be important for us to remember where grace and peace flow from?

Grace is undeserved favor given to people by God. It is not getting what you deserve, but rather it's getting what you don't deserve. (Ephesians 1:7) When have you experienced getting what you don't deserve? What happens when you give that same grace to others? Why is being grace filled important?

Read Philippians 4:6-7.

What connection does peace and worry have? What are we instructed to do and what does God's peace do in response? What kind of peace have you experienced from the Lord? How is this different from the peace our world tries to offer us?

Take a moment to pray and ask the Lord as a group to help our love for Jesus and His church to increase as we travel through this new series together.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

- Ephesians 1:2 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

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