

Ephesians 1:15-23

What do you pray for?

Paul's prayer for us.

- Know God Better

There's a difference between knowing about God and knowing God.

- Know Our Hope

- Know God's Power

We have the power to overcome and endure.

- Know the Fulness of Christ

This is our last week of Life Groups this winter session. Our next session begins the week after Easter on the week of April 24, 2022. You can find out more about groups meeting during the week here: <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

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

What is your understanding of prayer? Why do you pray? What do you pray for?

Connect to God's story

Read Psalm 5:1-3.

How do you handle unanswered prayers? What is something you are currently praying for that God has apparently not yet answered?

What benefit is there in learning to wait for God's response? What have you learned in the waiting?

Read Ephesians 1:15-23.

What insights about prayer do you learn from reading Paul's prayer? How might seeing what Paul's praying about help the Ephesian church grow?

What can you learn from seeing what Paul prays about? What other insights do you gain from His prayer that you would like to share? Can you see any barriers in hearing another person's prayer?

Read Luke 18:9-14.

What was Jesus' point in telling this story? Which man said the most? Which was justified before God? What else do you learn from their prayer?

Jesus presents His upside-down kingdom in Luke – "... those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." What keeps you from humbling yourself? How might our very posture in prayer help us take a humble attitude toward the Lord?

Think back over the first quarter of 2022... What is one or two things you would like to thank God for? Who are people that you would like to thank God for that you've encountered on the journey? Spend some time as a group responding to these in prayer.

I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

- Ephesians 1:16-17 (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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