



A BLUEPRINT FOR POWER

Ephesians 1:15 – 23

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MESSAGE NOTES

Ephesians 1:15 – 19 (ESV)

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might.

Distorted Pictures of Being the Church:

- **The church as a gas station**
- **The church as a movie theater**
- **The church as a drug store**
- **The church as a big box retailer**
 - *Ephesians 1:15 – 16 (ESV)*
 - *Ephesians 1:17 – 18 (ESV)*
- **Pray for power through the Spirit**
 - *Ephesians 1:18 (ESV)*
 - *Ephesians 1:19 (ESV)*
 - *Ephesians 1:20 – 21 (ESV)*
 - *Ephesians 1:22 (ESV)*
- **Pray for power through the Son**
 - *Ephesians 1:22-23 (ESV)*
- **Pray for power in the Church**



— The Church is not a building we sit in, but a movement we are called to be a part of.

— *“Many people in your life will not read the Bible but they will read your life.” — Miguel DeLaMora*

... so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. — Ephesians 3:10 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share one of the most exhausting hikes, walks, activities or adventures you have ever been on but that you finished? What helped you to finish?
- Read Ephesians 1:15 – 23. What are some of the key themes in this powerful prayer?
- What are some of the distorted pictures of being the church that people sometimes embrace in today's world? What is the image Paul uses in Ephesians and why do you think he uses it?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- How does knowing Christ is the “head” of the “body” (the church) significant to understanding our Biblical design? What type of things happen when we forget Christ is the “head” and we are the “body”? What happens when we live in the power of that truth?
- Read Ephesians 1:19. Why is it important to pray for God's power in one another's lives?
- Take some time to pray for God's power in the lives of the people in your group. Share some areas you desire to experience God's strength in as you follow Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.