

Water of Life Community Church

PRAYING POWERFUL PRAYERS

WEEK 2

EPHESIANS 1:15-23; 3:13-21

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Paul writes to believers to enlighten them and build them up so that they will become confident in the blessings available to them through Jesus. He also prays that our hearts would likewise be healed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ EPHESIANS 1:15-19.

- a. "That God may give you spiritual understanding." What does it mean to have the eyes of your heart enlightened?
- b. "That you might know the riches of His inheritance." Why do we need the spirit of wisdom and understanding? How does that apply to your prayers?

2. READ EPHESIANS 1:17b.

- a. "Prayer for enlightenment." What things do you do to get to know God? Name three.
- b. Where in your heart is the Holy Spirit working today? Be specific.

3. READ EPHESIANS 3:14-21

- a. In verse 16, Paul is asking God to strengthen the Ephesians with power through His Spirit. Why do we, as believers, need power?
- b. In verse 18, Paul again asks for power. Why?
- c. Why do you think it is necessary for believers to live in the Power of the Holy Spirit? Why don't we?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- In what ways are the eyes of your heart being opened through this teaching?
- Which scripture provoked your heart in this teaching and why?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- What is the deepest desire that has stirred in you during this lesson? What is the first step you can take to go deeper with God?

RESPOND

- Find a quiet place each day and write down what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. The more we listen to Him, read His word and act upon it; the closer we get to the heart of God.

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MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 1:18-19

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe."

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