

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Transforming Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-19

Getting Started

What is hope? Why is it important to have hope?

Digging In

1. **Read Eph 1:15-23.** Write down your first impressions.
2. What had Paul heard about the Ephesians? (v. 15)
3. How are faith for the Lord Jesus and love for others connected?
4. How are Paul's love and concern for the Ephesians seen in v. 16?
5. Verses 17-23 form the meat of Paul's prayer. In your own words, what is the first thing Paul asks for the Ephesians? (v. 17)
6. List as many ways as you can think of that we can get to know God better. Be creative!
7. In verses 18-19, Paul prays for spiritual enlightenment for the Ephesians. There are three things he wants them to know. What are these?
8. The Christian's hope contains several aspects. Look up the following passages and list some of the things to which we look forward with certain confidence and eager expectation: 1 Cor 15:51-55; Gal 5:5; 1 Thes 5:8; Titus 1:1-2; Rom 5:1-2.
9. What does it imply about us that we are God's inheritance?



Getting Personal

- How well do you know God?
- What are you currently doing to grow closer to the Lord?
- What steps would you like to take to get to know him better?
- How can our **future** hope help us to live faithful godly lives in the **present**?
- What does it mean to you personally that you are God's inheritance?
- How do your prayers compare with this prayer of the Apostle Paul?
- Using Paul's prayer in vss. 15-23 as a pattern, take time now to pray for yourself and others at Shoestring.