

LG | Guide

[Ephesians 1:15-23]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your personal devotion with the Lord, what has the Lord revealed to you through His word? If not, what is keeping you from the Lord?
- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read our primary text. Simply, what is Paul doing in this text? If you could break this text into three parts, what would they be? (You may have to read it again slower, looking for transitions)
2. In verse 18 Paul prays for the "eyes of their heart to be enlightened." Have you ever thought deeply about this? [Example: Worship Song: "open the eyes of my heart, Lord"] What do you think Paul is saying here?
3. What role does illumination play when one surrenders their life to Jesus? Is illumination something we should pray for today or is it finished upon salvation?
4. Verse 18 speaks of a sort of "calling" by God? What do you think this is? Do you recall this occurring in your own salvation story?
5. What example did Paul use here to remind the Ephesians of Jesus' great power? What verse captures it best?
6. Paul emphasizes Christ's authority over all other rule and authority in v.21-22. Why do you think Paul dwells here for two verses? (consider His audience)
7. Who is the head of the church? Where else can we read about Jesus' headship of the church?

PRAY (10 mins)

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.