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[Ephesians 1-5 Reflection]

WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

ILLUMINATE (50 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

As we approach the last chapter of this letter, it is important that remember that this book is a letter, meant to be read as a letter. Let's together read through chapters 1-5, pausing at the end of each chapter to reflect on what we have learned. I have provided 3 questions to guide this time of reflection. However, before we begin, let's recall the context -- Where is Paul? What is Paul's relationship with the Ephesians? What was the cultural climate of Ephesus?

- Paul is writing from a Roman prison. A mob brought false charges against him for bringing a Greek into the temple and defiling it. Being a Roman citizen, the tribune was forced to send Paul to answer to the Roman council.
- Paul is introduced to the Ephesians in Acts 19
- The cultural climate in Ephesus was filled with all manner of ungodliness, prostitution, magic, idol worship, occults, worship of false gods, etc. Significant spiritual warfare was before Paul as he set forth to be light in darkness.

[Now, let's take people from knowing the text to communicating the text in their own words. If we are to be a Great Commission people, we must give people an opportunity to practice sharing the Bible.]

Now, let's read each chapter and pause at each chapter break to answer these questions.

[Pace: 10 mins/chapter]

1. What are the main themes Paul is communicating to us in this chapter?
2. What in this chapter impacted you the most when we walked through it as a church?
3. What in this chapter would you want to communicate friend/child/loved one?

PRAY

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