



Life Group Work Sheet
Ephesians 1:15-23
How Do I Pray for People I Love?

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. ICEBREAKER

Part 2 - Application

2. **Read Ephesians 1:15-23.** Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving because he has heard of the 'faith and love' of the Ephesian church. What are some tangible ways that you can show your faith and love to the people you are praying for from the application part of the sermon?
3. What does Ephesians 1:15-23 tell us about the Christian's identity?
4. What are some ways that people find their significance outside of Christ? How do men tend to find their identity outside of Christ? Women? Teenagers? Children?
5. Have the past two messages changed the way that you look at yourself in the mirror? In what ways?

6. List two or three different ways that you can remind yourself daily of who you are because of Christ.

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

PRAYING with PAUL

In this week's sermon, we were challenged to pray Ephesians 1:15-23 for 3-5 people this week. This week, take a look at one or two of these other prayers of Paul. Grab a pen and write down a few thoughts for each of the questions below for each passage.

Rom. 15:30-33 1 Cor. 1:4-9 Eph. 3:14-21 Phil. 1:3-11
Col. 1:3-14 Col. 4:2-4 1 Thess. 1:2-10 2 Thess. 1:3-4
2 Thess. 3:1-5

- What does this text pray for? How can you pray these same things for others?
- How does this prayer teach you to pray?
- Most of these prayers start with thanksgiving for the faith and love of the believers Paul is writing to. Write down the names of 2 or 3 different people whose faith and love make you thankful.
- Write a short note of prayer and thanksgiving for the people you mentioned above. Mail them the note as a sign of encouragement.