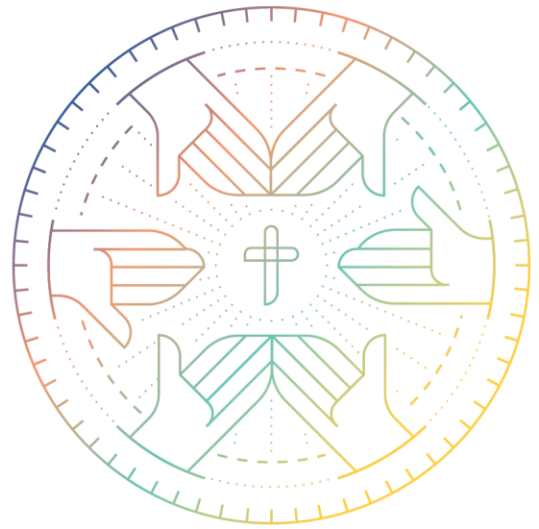


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

If you could time travel, would you go back in time to meet your ancestors, or forward in time to meet your descendants?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

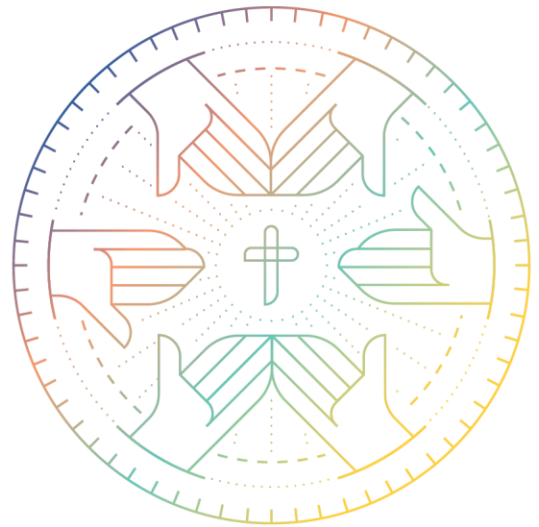
In verses 15 through 23, we see Paul shift from praising the faith of the Ephesians to praying for their continued enlightenment to an acknowledgment of the authority and power found in Christ from God. As we continue to read through Ephesians, be on the lookout for the tension between seeing Paul's audience as faithful, and the instruction and growth he is calling them into.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Paul mentions that he had heard of Ephesian's faith in the Lord Jesus and their love toward all the saints. Read John 13:35 and 1 John 4:19-21. How do the accompanying passages help us understand what set them apart?
2. Paul asks for three things to be given to the Ephesians by the "Spirit of Wisdom", revelation in the knowledge of him (verse 17), for the eyes of your heart to be enlightened (verse 18), and to know what the hope to which he has called you (Verse 18). Of these three things which one stands out to you? Why?
3. Read Ephesians 4:10-12. With that passage in context, looking back to Ephesians 1:23. Here Paul refers to the church as his body and says that God wants to fill us with His fullness, what then is our part in that process?

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. In Ephesians 1:15, Paul gives thanks for the Ephesians because their faith and love were so evident. What would it look like for our church, small group, and each of us as individuals to display that?
2. Read James 1:22-25. In Ephesians 1:17, Paul prays for revelation in the knowledge of him. After reading James 1 how does that change the way you view Paul's prayer and how does that change how we should be praying?
3. After spending time in the chapter, how have you seen the Spirit of Wisdom reveal a deeper understanding of the knowledge of Him (Jesus) so far during our study on Ephesians?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, help us to have true knowledge of you. May our hearts be enlightened and may we find rest in a deeper understanding of the inheritance we have through Jesus Christ. Thank you, Jesus, for coming and dying for our sins. We celebrate your resurrection from the dead and that you are seated at the right hand of God in the heavenly places. Thank you that we know you are in control in the midst of a chaotic world. Jesus, you are far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named. May we find rest and walk in this knowledge this week, amen.