



**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**  
**Message:** Experiencing Maturity in Christ (Part 1)  
 Ephesians 1:15-17 | Nov 17, 2024



**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. In Ephesians 1:15-16, Paul says, "For this reason...I have not stopped giving thanks for you." To what reason do these verses refer?

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2. Why is Paul praying for believers in Ephesus in Ephesians 1:16?

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3. What petition does Paul make in his prayer for the church in Ephesus in Ephesians 1:17?

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**DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. How do you react when you hear about others' strong faith in Jesus?

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2. How often do you pray for fellow believers in our local church or worldwide? Do you use the church weekly prayer list or a prayer journal?

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3. How do you pray for yourself and others? Do you spend more time praying for your needs or praying that you may know Jesus?

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**USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION** ([biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com))  
 Make observations of a passage and draw conclusions from those observations.

- **Who** - who is speaking; who is the intended audience; who is present in the moment, etc.
- **What** - what is the passage about; what problem is addressed; what happens; what is being said; what commands need to be obeyed, etc.
- **When** - when is this event taking place?
- **Where** - where is this event taking place, where does it fit in the larger context of the book and Scripture?
- **Why** - why is this message needed, why is it relevant today?
- **How** - how does this change what I know about God and humanity; how do I apply this to my life so that I can follow Jesus more faithfully?