



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Message: Experiencing Maturity in Christ: Thanksgiving (Part 2)
Ephesians 1:18-19 | Nov 24, 2024



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why is Paul offering a thanksgiving prayer in v16? What is the focus of his thanksgiving?

2. Why does Paul pray that the eyes of his readers may be enlightened? To what does the heart refer in v18?

3. Discuss the other elements of Paul's petition in v18:

the hope to which God has called them (what hope is Paul talking about?) _____

the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (to what inheritance does this verse refer?) _____

the immeasurable greatness of His power toward those who believe _____

DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

1. For what are you most thankful?

2. How do you use Thanksgiving to share the hope, love, and power of Christ?

3. Brainstorm a few simple ways that you can share the hope, love, and power of Christ around the Thanksgiving dinner table.

USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION (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?