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Three Precious  
Truths Every  
Christian  
Should Know  
(Part 1)

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**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
Our Focus

**Suggested icebreaker:**  
What are the top three things you would want for your loved ones? They may either be your parents, siblings, spouse, children, bestfriend, etc. Why are these things important to you?

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested songs:**

- What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

# WORD: Understanding the Word

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## LESSON AIM

1. Members will understand the hope they have in Christ.
2. Members will feel valued as Christ's inheritance.
3. Members will trust God and step out in faith where God has called them.

## INTRODUCTION

After praising God for lavishing His blessing on all believers, Paul now thanked God and prayed for the Ephesian saints. His prayer is like that of a father who is grateful to God for his children and wants only what is best for them. He gave thanks for their faith in Christ and love toward the saints. Paul's prayer is that God would open the eyes of their hearts, that they may know God more intimately. What specifically are the things about God and their relationship with Him does Paul want the Ephesians to know? Let's take a look at them in this lesson.

### **Ephesian saints has a hope that God had called them to (v. 18a)**

1. What is the hope to which God has called those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ? (cf. Romans 8:23-24)
2. Is this hope certain? How was it made possible? Was it because of any merit on the part of man? (cf. Romans 5:6-11)
3. Who do you need to pray for to have a deeper appreciation of the future hope they have in Christ?

### **God has a glorious inheritance in the Ephesian saints (v. 18b)**

1. Who has a glorious inheritance in the saints? Compare this with the glorious inheritance the saints have in Christ. (vv. 11-12)
2. What is one way that New Testament believers become Christ's inheritance? (cf. Ephesians 5:25-27,29-32)
3. Every believer is valuable to God because they are His inheritance. How does that affect how you see yourself as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ?

### **God gave the immeasurable greatness of His power to the Ephesian saints (vv. 19-20)**

1. How did Paul describe God's power? What example did he give to show God's power?
2. How can God's power become evident in the life of a saint? (cf. Romans 6:17-18)
3. How can you make God's power evident in your life?

# WALK: Applying the Word

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## APPLICATIONS

### - CHILDREN -

1. Within the day, how much time do you spend for God such as praying and Bible reading? How much time do you have for computer games? Why?
2. Why do we need to choose the right thing? What happens if we are not wise and don't listen to God and His word?
3. How can we help others and make them become better persons? What does verse 19 tell us to do?

### - YOUTH -

1. Reflect about your personal prayer life. How much time do you spend each day conversing with the Father? Do you find your prayers resembling more on demands or on submission?
2. How have you been responding to the truth that the Lord is far above any other power (v. 21)? Examine your thoughts and discussions with others on issues in your schools and in our country.

### - ADULTS -

1. It is wisely said, "Don't pray to make God fit your plans, but to give yourself to fit into His." How is this reflected in what you pray for? How can it change the way you pray?
2. Which among the three things Paul prayed for the Ephesians matters the most to you? Explain why.

# WALK: Applying the Word

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## - COMMUNITY -

1. Since we have been called to live with hope (v. 18), how might GCFers today share this hope to others? How might you be able to do this in concrete ways as individuals and as a group (in your neighborhood, school, offices or amongst your relatives)?

## - WORLD -

1. How can Christians today make sense and live out the “immeasurable greatness of His power” (v. 19)? In light of all the issues society is grappling with, in what ways can the church proclaim God’s power over “all rule, and authority and power and dominion” (v. 21)?

## **PRAYER ITEM**

1. In your group, close in prayer and ask each person in the group to pray at least one of the three prayer requests of Paul for another person in the group.





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