

## **Study of Ephesians – Week 1**

Directions. Pray and ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to understand the Bible and that its truth would be revealed to you this week. Then, read the passages of Scripture designated for each day and answer the questions only using the referenced verses. Bring your responses next week for group discussion.

### **DAY 1. Read Ephesians 1:1-8, and answer the questions.**

- 1.) Why did Paul believe he could write this letter, and who was he writing to (Eph. 1:1-2)?
  
- 2.) Name some of the reasons Paul was giving “praise to God”. (Eph. 1:3-8)
  
- 3.) What are some characteristics of God we see? (Eph. 1:4-7)
  
- 4.) What does God think about us? (Eph. 1:4-8)
  
- 5.) Can you name some of these same blessings that you have received?

### **DAY 2. Read Ephesians 1:1-11, and answer the questions.**

- 1.) How can we understand God’s plan (Eph. 1:9)?
  
- 2.) What is God’s plan (Eph. 1:9-11)?
  
- 3.) How are we “united with Christ” (Eph. 1:11)?
  
- 4.) What do you think it will be like when everything “in and heaven and earth” is “under Christ’s authority” (Eph. 1:10)?

- 5.) How are you living in God's plan and not your own? What steps can you take to understand God's plan, and follow it?

**DAY 3. Read Ephesians 1-14, and answer the questions.**

- 1.) When does Christ identify you as His own (Eph. 1:12-13)?
- 2.) What is God's purpose in bringing the Jews to truth in Christ? The Gentiles? And now you? (Eph. 1:12-14)
- 3.) What is the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14)?
- 4.) How do you bring praise and glory to God in your daily life?
- 5.) What do you praise God for?

**DAY 4. Read Ephesians 1-18, and answer the questions.**

- 1.) Why did Paul pray for the Ephesians and others (Eph. 1:15-16)?
- 2.) How often did Paul pray for them (Eph. 1:15-17)? Do you think we are to pray in the same way today?
- 3.) List some of the specific things Paul prayed for, on their behalf (Eph. 1:14):
- 4.) What prayers are you currently asking God to answer? How might you follow Paul's example and pray for some of the same things he listed?