

# **A Great Prayer for the Church**

Read (Ephesians 1:15-23)

## Questions for LIFE GROUPS

1. If someone was praying for you what three things would you ask them to pray for?
2. If someone was praying for Shirley Baptist Church what three things would you ask them to pray for?
3. After reading Ephesians 1:15-23, what are the three things that are Paul's prayer priorities for the Church of Ephesus? How do these compare these with your top three prayer priorities for SBC.
4. The words 'wisdom' and 'revelation' are normally associated with guidance and direction; however, Paul connects these two words with the knowing of God more. Why do you think this is the case?
5. In what ways might we both individually and corporately get to know God better?
6. Paul's second prayer for the Ephesians is that they may "know the hope to which they are called". How would you describe the hope that Christians have? What do you 'hope' for as a follower of Jesus?
7. What do you think Paul meant by 'the eyes of your heart' (v18a)?

8. What do you think Paul had in mind when he wrote “the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people” (v18b)?
9. How might “the riches of his glorious inheritance” give us hope?
10. Paul’s final prayer is that they might know “his incomparably great power” (v19). In what ways have you experience God’s ‘incomparable great power’ in both your own life and the life of the Church?
11. Paul describes the power of God as the same power that raised Christ from the dead. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to the Christian faith and the life of Church and how does it change the way we view the present and the future?
12. Why is it important that Christians appreciated and trust in the power of God in their lives particularly during times of trial and trouble?

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