

LG | Guide

[Ephesians 1:1-2]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your personal devotion with the Lord, what has the Lord revealed to you through His word? If not, what is keeping you from the Lord?
- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. There have been scholars and theologians whose lives have been radically changed by reading the book of Ephesians. Given your introduction to the book of Ephesians, what do you hope to gain from this book? Do you desire to be changed by this book?
2. Paul's introduction to the Ephesians occurs in Acts 19 (his third missionary journey, Acts 18:23-21:17). Upon Paul's arrival, what did he uncover about the people of Ephesus? What was the cultural climate there?
3. Paul is writing this letter to the Ephesians from prison, how did he get there?
4. Unlike other letters, Paul did not write this letter to address any particular issue in the church, rather it functioned as a circular letter to all the churches in the area. What can the modern church gain from this Pauline letter?
5. What are the some of the main themes that you have discovered in this letter?
6. Paul opens this letter with a greeting that states he is "an apostle of Christ Jesus." What exactly is an apostle of Christ Jesus?
7. What is Paul saying in verse 2?

PRAY (10 mins)

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.