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***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***  
***Ephesians: The Church's Identity and Mission***  
***March 2, 2014***

**Read:** Ephesians 1.1-2

1. Who wrote Ephesians? What do we know about the author? What does it mean that Paul was an apostle? What is the significance of that (2.20)?
2. Who is Paul writing to? What do we know about Ephesus? How did the gospel penetrate the city and culture there (Acts 18.18-19; 1 Corinthians 16.19)? What did Paul's ministry look like to the people in Ephesus (Acts 19-20)? How did the gospel effect the culture when it came to business (Acts 19.23-41)?
3. Leadership in the church in Ephesus was important. What was Paul's message to the elders there (Acts 20.28-31a)? Who was the pastor that Paul specifically encouraged in regards to his ministry in Ephesus (1 Timothy 1.3)?
4. As we look at Revelation 2.2-5, what does Jesus have to say about the church in Ephesus? What does it mean that they have *left their first love*? What does it tell us about their love for one another in the church, their love for those in the world, their evangelism and ultimately their love for Christ? How should we take what Jesus has said about the church of Ephesus and apply it to our own life?
5. What is the theme of Ephesians?
6. According to the sermon and Ephesians:
  - Who is God?
  - What has God done?
  - Who are we?
  - What do we do?

What is the significance of knowing the above truths?

**Pray**