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**LIFEgroup Discussion Questions**  
**Ephesians: The Church's Identity and Mission**  
**March 16, 2014**

**Read:** Ephesians 1.15-23

1. What is the theme of Ephesians? It is important for us to keep this in front of us as we are studying this letter. So, think about the theme and the main point of the text in Ephesians 1.15-23. Why is it important for us to know what Paul says today in relation to the overall theme of the letter?
2. What does Paul say about the church in Ephesus? What is significant about these two qualities that He mentions (1.15)? Who is the source of these two qualities?
3. What do we learn about Paul's prayer life (1.16-17)? How often does he pray and what is the content of his prayer? How might this differ from how we pray? What does Paul's prayer concerning spiritual growth tell us about such growth? What is it dependent on? What are two vital keys for Paul's request of *wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God*? What does the Holy Spirit give to us (Isaiah 11.2)?
4. What does Paul pray (1.18-19)? Why does a believer need the eyes of their heart enlightened? What three things does Paul desire for us to know? What does he mean by these three things?
5. What does Paul say about the power of God (1.19)? How has God demonstrated/manifested His power (1.20-23)? What is the significance of this for the church?
6. Who is the church (1.23)? According to Paul what is the purpose of the church?

**Pray.**