

## Small Group Questions: Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Why do you think it was necessary for Paul to pray this prayer?
2. V 18 talks about us having the eyes of our hearts enlightened. What are some of the things that stop us seeing?

Share some personal examples of where you have been blinded by your past experiences or hurts to knowing the truth about how God sees you?

3. Paul described God as the *glorious Father*. What does this reveal about Paul's relationship with God? How do you think he came to see God this way? What adjective would you use to describe your relationship with God?
4. *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.*  
What is that hope? How does knowing this hope change the way we see the despair and sadness of so much of life?
5. *...the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints*  
How does it make you feel when you consider that God has chosen us to be his inheritance, to be his Son's bride, and that he wants to live with us forever?  
Why would he want to do this?  
What should our response be?
6. *...and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*  
When you read about the extent of this power what does it mean for us in our daily lives?  
Have you got trapped into thinking that there are things in your life or past that can't / won't change?

7. Read v 22-23  
How precious is the church to God?  
If God considers the church so precious how should we treat it -each other?  
Consider your attitudes, responses to the church -those in it with those of our Lord. Are there ways we are dishonouring our Lord -grieving the Spirit by our attitudes and responses to each other? Seek to be honest.