Tolle Lege!: The Book Of Ephesians July 4, 2018

Welcome! Prayer!

Intro: the book of Ephesians is a letter written by Paul, while in prison, to the Christians in Ephesus. It likely was intended to be circulated around to the different churches in the region. Unlike several of Paul's other letters, Ephesians does not address a particular error or heresy.

1. What is the overarching theme and purpose of the letter? What is the scope of it?

2. How might we divide the letter into sections, and what is the theme of each section?

3. Notice certain words and phrases that are repeated. What is the significance of these?

4. What are the spiritual blessings that Paul gives praise to God for in Chapter 1?

5. What is the mystery that has been revealed?

6. How does Paul describe the church? What different imagery does he use? How does it help us understand the role and relationship of the church in the world and in God's Kingdom? And how does it help us understand God's will for Nelson Avenue Community Church? (note 3:10 f.)

7. What practical instructions does Paul give for the people who believe in Jesus? What should be the changes that now characterize those who have put their faith in Christ? In other words, what should the church look like?

8. How does God equip us to become holy and blameless, and to fulfill his calling for the church? What is his calling for the church? How is Ephesians relevant for today, and especially for our church?

9. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

10. In this letter, what do we learn about the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to humanity, and the church, and God's intention for our relationship to each other?

11. In what ways does Ephesians challenge you? Or what is a difficult passage?

12. What does Paul pray for? What can we be encouraged to pray for?

13.. Which verse or passage is a highlight for you?

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