

EPHESIANS

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STUDY
NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Knowing Better

1 What fears are good and keep us alive? Which one are bad and keep us from living?

2 What fears have you had in the past that you no longer have? How did you come to know better and not fear anymore?

3 Read Ephesians 1:15-23. According to verse 17, why do we need wisdom and revelation? Is that what you think of most when you feel a need-to-know revelation or have wisdom? Why might knowing God better change everything?

4 What specifically do we need to know better according to verse 18-19? How would this change us and our perception of reality?

5 According to verse 20-22, where is Jesus and what has been put under him?

6 What does it mean and what is the implication that every power is inferior to Jesus and subject to him? What according to verse 22 is Jesus using his power for? How does that put into perspective the fears or threats we face as the church and as Christians?

7 How can we know him better? How would fixing our eyes on Jesus not change circumstances but our perception of circumstances? What fears or threats are on your mind these days, and how does knowing Jesus change your perception?

8 What is your engagement with the bible right now as a spiritual habit or discipline? What could use some growth for you right now in setting your mind and eyes on Jesus and responding with faith and not fear to the circumstances of life?

9 Pray for your church. Community. World.

15For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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