

# THROW

## LOOKING BACK TO SEE GOD TODAY

### PRAYING FOR WHAT YOU HAVE : LIFE GROUP-SPRING WK9

*Read Ephesians 1: 15-23*

*15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I 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. 18 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, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far 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. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

- 1. In Ephesians 1:17-23 Paul shares the prayer he is praying for his readers. Basically he is praying that they would have a better understanding and knowledge of Christ and what He is doing in them. How long have you been following Christ? What do you understand about your life, and what God is doing in you, that you did not know when you first started following Christ. How has this changed you?**
- 2. In verse 17 Paul prays for the readers to have wisdom (ability to perceive reality) and revelation (God showing Himself in our circumstances) from the Holy Spirit. How do you know when the wisdom you are leaning on is from the Holy Spirit or from your best human efforts? How do you know when you have a "God Moment" that it is from God and not just a random circumstance?**

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3. *The purpose for wisdom and revelation from the Spirit is so that “you may know Him (Christ) better”. What are some habits you have developed (or are developing) that place you in a position to receive wisdom and revelation? How do you know they are working?*
  
4. *In verse 18, Paul prays for the eyes of our hearts to be opened so that we might know the hope to which Christ has called us. The hope is confidently knowing that our past has meaning, our present has purpose, and our future has aim. These three work together allowing us to answer the call to “be and do” what Christ created us “to be and do”.*
  - *Give an example of how your past is helping you answer the call*
  - *Give an example of how a present circumstance is helping you answer the call*
  - *Give an example of how a future goals are helping you answer the call*
  
5. *In verses 19-23 Paul prays that the readers will understand that God’s power is transforming them. God is still transforming people! What is evidence of Christ transforming someone’s life? Give an example.*