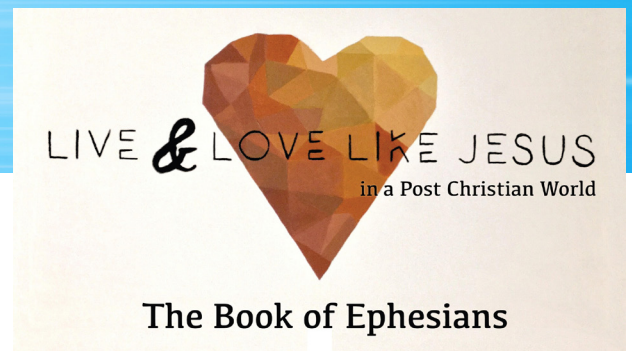


# Discussion Questions

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## Ephesians 1:15-23 How to Grow in the Knowledge of God



1. According to the Bible, what kinds of knowledge are good? What kinds are bad? What is the difference between them?
2. How is Christian hope different from other kinds of hope?
3. Paul tells us we have access to the same power the Father used to resurrect Jesus and place him above all things. Does this change how you view your faith or living out the Christian life? How?
4. Paul also tells us that Christ fills the world completely through the Church. Does this truth affect the way you view the global Church in general, and Northview in specific? In what ways?
5. As a group, take a few minutes to pray for each other. Ask God to give each person present "a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of God" (Eph 1:17).



**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

**Examples of Bad Knowledge****1 Corinthians 8:1**

*Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.*

**1 Timothy 6:20**

*Avoid the profane chatter and absurdities of so-called 'knowledge.'*

**Colossians 2:8**

*Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking.*

**Examples of Good Knowledge****Proverbs 18:15**

*An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

**2 Peter 1:2**

*May grace and peace be lavished on you as you grow in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord!"*

**Colossians 3:10**

*[You] have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

**True Knowledge**

Knowledge that stays in the head = useless

Knowledge that starts in the head and moves to the heart = better

Knowledge that starts in the head, moves to the heart, and then flows into our hands and feet = best

*"To know God personally is salvation. To know Him increasingly is sanctification. To know Him perfectly is glorification." -Warren Wiersbe*

## **True Hope**

Christian hope is...

...based on facts of the Christian experience

...the heart's answer to the revealed truth of God

...all-important in the Christian life

## **True Inheritance**

*We are God's inheritance*

*God is our inheritance*

## **True Power**

megethos, dunamis, energeia, kratos, ischus = "power"

The same power God displayed in the resurrection and ascension of Christ is available to us, the church, today.

## **How to Access God's Power**

By growing in the awareness of God's power through...

- Intercessory prayer (ask)
- Studying scripture (learn)
- Stepping out in faith (do)