

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize:

- Other Passages to Read:

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

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Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus' work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Ephesians 1:15-23

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Isaiah 43:1; Matthew 3:13-17; 28:18; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7; Ephesians 3:14-21; Colossians 3:2-4.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: April 6-12, 2026

1 | PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | WARM-UP QUESTION: If you were asked to describe yourself, what would you say?

3 | READ EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Once you've read the passage, close your Bibles and ask the group to tell from memory what it's about. Invite everyone to join in by asking, "How did Paul pray for the church in Ephesus?" and "What did he pray God would give them an understanding of?" and finally, "Was there anything else?"

4 | OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

1. How do we get to know Jesus better, v. 17?
2. Is the power that raised Jesus from the dead still at work in the world? If so, what is God accomplishing with this power?
3. Does the authority of Jesus Christ have any limitations, either physical or spiritual, now or in the future?

5 | TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. If I've put my trust in Jesus, I'm one with Him—no longer independent, but fully engulfed in Christ. Just who is this Jesus in whom I now have my identity?
2. In what does Jesus get *His* identity? Does what I do, what I look like, how others see me, etc., have any bearing on who He is?
3. What is this "glorious inheritance" Paul talks about in v. 18?

6 | APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. If I've said "Yes" to Jesus as Lord and Savior, do I long to know Him more? Why does it matter if my understanding of Him grows?
2. Are there risks to losing myself in Jesus and letting my old identity be absorbed in Him? Are there positive results?
3. Can anything, ever, diminish Christ's power and authority? Can anything, ever, affect my standing with Him?

7 | OPEN PRAYER

Based on our discussion, how can we pray for Lighthouse Community as a whole? For our small group? For the people around us who don't know Jesus? Does someone need the Spirit to help them see themselves as God sees them? Is someone struggling to understand that Jesus has complete authority over ALL things?