Triangle Bible Study

Lesson 9: Ephesians 1

Warmup

• Explain how listening to the Ephesians 1 lecture helped you.

Day 1: Read Ephesians 1:1-2 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 1. Under whose authority did Paul write the letter to the Ephesians? What characteristic did Paul say was demonstrated by the recipients of this letter (v. 1)?
- 2. How would you define or describe "faithful in Christ Jesus?" Explain whether you would include yourself as one "faithful in Christ Jesus" (v. 1).
- 3. What does Paul offer the Ephesians in v. 2? Describe the significance of Paul's greeting.

Day 2: Read Ephesians 1:3-14 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 4. Count the number of times your see "in Him" or "in Christ" (vs. 3-14). How is this foundational when considering the blessings of God?
- 5. Explain your understanding of "blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (v. 3).

6. What do you learn about God's grace in vs. 6-8? How have you experienced God's grace? Be specific.

Day 3: Review Ephesians 1:3-14 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

(As you read through these scriptures again, consider who you are "in Christ.")

7. Make a list of statements declaring your identity "in/by Christ." (Examples: I am chosen by Christ. I am holy and blameless in Christ.)

8. From the list you made in Question 7, which is hardest for you to accept and why? Write a prayer asking Jesus to help you accept this blessing from Him.

9. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in vs. 13-14?

Day 4: Read Ephesians 1:15-23 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

10. How might your prayer life be strengthened from what you learn from Paul's prayer?

11. What did Paul request from God for the Ephesian believers (v. 17-18)? Why do you believe Paul made this a priority in his prayer for them?

Day 5: Review Ephesians 1:15-23, Acts 2:24, Colossians 2:11-12, Hebrews 13:20 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 12. Record Paul's focus in vs. 19-23.
- 13. How was God's power and authority demonstrated (vs. 20-23)?
- 14. What do you learn about resurrection power from the following cross references?

Acts 2:24

Colossians 2:11-12

Hebrews 13:20

Day 6: Review Ephesians 1 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 15. What is your takeaway from Chapter 1?
- 16. How will you apply something you learned from Chapter 1?