

## Ephesians

### Introduction

### Reminders

- ***Ephesians Devotional Guides Now Available***

Don't forget to pick up your Ephesians Devotional Guide this Sunday, as the first week of the guide begins July 10. To make your reading easier to keep up with, we have included a bookmark that includes a reading schedule so make sure to grab that as well.

- ***Exodus Kids Serve Rotation***

If you are looking for a place to serve at Exodus, Exodus Kids is trying to place people for their next rotation that begins on September 4th. This is a place where you get to hold babies, comfort toddlers, teach pre-schoolers, or maybe learn something new from a Kindergarten- 5th grader! We are praying for some dedicated servants in this area. If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Heather Phillips!

- ***Women's Ministry Brunch (Packing Party for Justice Ministries (August 20)***

The Exodus ladies brunch will be on **Saturday August 20th, from 10am-12pm**. They will be packing gift bags for the **Justice Ministries** August outreach event. Jordan Keen will be speaking to us about Justice Ministries in Mecklenburg & Gaston County. This will be an encouraging time of fellowship and outreach while learning more about the effects sexual abuse & sex trafficking is having in OUR city.

**This event is for ladies over 18 years of age only.**

- There is a way for everyone to be involved. By donating \$10, each \$10 will cover 1 bag that the ladies will pack at the packing party. Our goal is to make 100 bags. *More information about Justice Ministries on The City*

### Remember

Talk with your group about being aware of new people at Exodus. Discuss ways your group could be more open to new people.

Paul prayed for God to show the church at Ephesus three things in Ephesians 1:18-19. What were those?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

How does Ephesians 2:1-10 open your eyes to the "hope to which he has called you"?

What stands out to you from the passage? From the sermon?

### Deepen

Our Problem - Read vv. 1-3

How do these verses shed light on the problem of sin in our lives?

In what ways does this change your view of humanity?

How does this accentuate our need for God's grace?

God's Power - Read vv. 4-9

How do the preceding verses magnify the love of God in v. 4?

Talk about what it might be like to experience v. 7.

God's Grace has more to do with power than undeserved favor in these verses. How does that clarify your understanding of grace? Why is it important?

New Purpose - Read v. 10

We (plural) are his workmanship (singular). So, Paul's talking about a community of people who have works prepared for them. Why is it important that we see this as a community project?

How is the church God's masterpiece? Read Ephesians 3:7-10.

If this is a community project, how can we help one another find our place to belong and our part to play?

### **Transform**

How does this passage make God's grace more amazing?

How might we encourage one another toward those prepared works God has for us?

Close in Prayer