



Ephesians 1:15-23

The Prayer of Grace

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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

1. What was the worst power outage that you have experienced? When? Where? Why?
2. Have you ever run out of gas? When? Where? Why?

Paul's Reason For Praying 1:15,16

1. By God's grace, with seemingly everything going for them and as they were "on fire" living and loving for God, why would Paul need to pray for the Ephesian Christians?
2. It is harder to faithfully follow God when things are going wrong than when things are going right.

AGREE DISAGREE

What Paul Is Praying For 1:17-23

God's Presence (verse 17)

1. Wisdom comes from understanding more of what God is doing and knowing more about God.
TRUE FALSE
2. How is wisdom an act of Divine grace?
3. In what Paul is praying for, how does wisdom relate to God's presence in our lives?
4. These days, in what ways is God helping you to go deeper with Him?

God's Purpose (verse 18)

1. What purpose of God is Paul praying that the Ephesians would hang on to?
2. In thinking through the answer to question #1, wouldn't they get this? Why does Paul need to pray this for them?
3. Why might we need to pray this for each other?

God's Power (verses 19-21)

1. How does Paul describe God's power?
2. Consider what God says through Zechariah (Zechariah 4:6). How do these words of encouragement relate to what Paul is praying for the Ephesians?
3. How is God's power effectively applied to and through our lives?

Processing all that... Implications:

1. These days, who's wisdom are you living by? Yours or God's? How can you be sure?
2. These days, who's purposes are you living for? Yours or God's? How can you be sure?
3. These days, who's power are you living by? Yours or God's? How can you be sure?