

EPHESIANS

WEEK OF September 23 – September 29 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to experience Christ together.

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. This week Pastor Vance continued our current teaching series, “Praying with Purpose.” Out of Ephesians 1:17 he taught about some powerful reminders concerning prayer. Specifically, “*We should always remember the person to whom we pray.*” From this he taught about the importance of confidence.
 - a. **Read Hebrews 4:15-16. Why or how do we have confidence before God?**
 - b. **How should this impact our prayer life?**
2. Pastor Vance unpacked the phrase, “*the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory*” by teaching two realities. The first was, “*There is nothing I can pray that is too big for God.*” Out of this point we learned that we pray to THE God of the universe, not A god, but the one and only God. Therefore, there is nothing too big for him to handle or take care of.
 - a. **Do you pray believing that God can and very well could act on your behalf concerning whatever situation is currently before you? If not, why?**
 - b. **Is there a situation or a relationship that you could share with the group that needs God’s intervention? (Could we a wayward friend, child, co-worker, etc.)**
3. The second reality he taught was, “*There is nothing I can pray that is too insignificant for God.*” From this point, Pastor Vance shared that God is not just a father, but our perfect father. Because of this, we can come to him with anything, big or small, because he cares for us.
 - a. **Read 1 Peter 5:7. How should this mold our view of God’s heart toward us?**
 - b. **What are some of the things you withhold from praying about because you think they are too small?**