

## **Small Group Questions - Ancient Prayers for Today - (01/21/24) Wayne Alguire**

**Key Text:** Ephesians 1:16-20

**Context:** The Apostle Paul, grateful for the good report regarding the faith, love, and spiritual growth of the Christians in Ephesus, prays three succinct yet profound prayers over them.

One speaks to their relationship with God, one inspires living with confident hope as a child of God, and one underscores everything with the immensity of God's active and present power in their lives.

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. When you think about the subject of prayer who comes to mind as the person(s) who greatly influenced or inspired your prayer life? Have you thanked them?
2. In what ways might you need to grow in your knowledge of God? How could this knowledge 'gap' be affecting your relationship with God?
3. Later in the same letter of Ephesians, Paul instructs his readers to 'live as children of the light'. (Ephesians 5:8-9) If your heart was flooded with light how would that impact the way you live?
4. How have you experienced God's incomparably great power at work in your life? How might you lean into it even more this week?
5. Which of the three prayers, summarized above, spoke to you most deeply? Will you pray it for yourself, or ask a trusted friend to pray it over you?