**Prayer Life**

**Week 4: Ephesians 1:15-23**

Beginning Truths:

* Praise and prayer **coexist**
* We need the Spirit’s help to understand the **greatness** of God, the **glory** of Christ, and the **goodness** of the gospel.

Three Aspects of Prayer:

1. Thank God for the outpouring of His **love** through other people.
	1. **Love** is the defining factor in our lives.
	2. God’s people love **one another**.
		1. John 13:35
2. Ask God for divine **wisdom** and **understanding**.
	1. We cannot understand the **mysteries** of heaven on our own.
		1. Pray to understand **who** God is.
			1. 2 Corinthians 4:6
		2. Pray to know God **better**.
			1. *“What is the greatest need in the church today? The one thing we need in Western Christendom is a deeper knowledge of God. We need to know God better.” -D.A. Carson*
		3. Pray to **comprehend** the goodness of the gospel.
			1. **Hope**
				1. Hope **surrounds** us.
			2. **Inheritance**
				1. God has placed an extremely high **value** on us.
			3. **Power**
				1. The power of the **risen** Christ’s is ours.
3. Praise God for the **glorification** of Christ.
	1. Christ’s **resurrection**.
		1. Our life has **meaning** because Jesus is alive.
	2. Christ’s **enthronement**.
		1. He is not only alive, but he **reigns forevermore**.
		2. He holds everything together while **sitting down**.
			1. Colossians 1:17
	3. Christ’s **supremacy**.
		1. He is **above** all things.
	4. Christ’s **headship**.
		1. We are entirely dependent on Christ **individually** and **corporately**.
		2. The church isn’t about a **man**. It’s about **Christ**.