

A Study of Ephesians: A Captive of Christ's Love

Ephesians 3:1-21



CONNECTING

1. Welcome everybody, introduce any guests, and open in prayer
2. *Ice Breaker Questions:*
 - What's the kindest act you have ever seen done (either to/by you or another)?
 - If you were in prison, what would you miss most about life on the outside? In what ways would you spend your time trying to "escape" (mentally, emotionally, etc.)?

SEEKING GOD (Drawing Near to God)



Have your prayer time at the end and pray for some of your groups ten most beloved

LOVING ONE ANOTHER (Deepening Spiritual Growth)



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(Read the verses as you go through the lesson)

1. Paul likely wrote Ephesians while under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28:16, 30-31). What is the clue that Paul gives regarding his location and condition? (Ephesians 3:1)
2. How did Paul describe his current circumstances? Whose "prisoner" did he say he was? (Ephesians 3:1) What does this say about his ability to deal with negative circumstances?

3. Do you think Paul was looking for sympathy as he wrote this letter (probably from a guarded room)? (3:2-13)
4. On what basis do you have any right to come to God? (3:10-12)
5. With what attitude are you allowed to approach God? (3:12) How does this compare to your normal attitude, actions and feelings about approaching God?
6. Paul soon shifted the focus from what God had done for him to what God could do for his readers. What overwhelming concept or truth did he want them to grasp? (3:14-19)
7. Have you fully comprehended what God has done for you and how great Christ's love is? Describe your perspective on His love for you.

SHARING CHRIST (Declaring the Good News)



1. Go over the "Prayer, Care, Share" Card List and pray for one person on each member's card.

SERVING OTHERS (Demonstrating God's Love)



1. Come up with a service project that the group can do together. *(If you need some ideas give me (Pastor Pat) or one of the other pastors a call for some ideas.)*