



**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
Ephesians: In Christ, Like Christ  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Ronnie Garcia, February 3, 2019

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**Step 1: Reflect on the Text**

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

**Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon**

INTRODUCTION

1. Ronnie mentioned that some people say, "It doesn't matter what you believe about God, what matters is how you live." Have you heard that before? Can we truly live lives completely untethered to beliefs?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

PAUL'S PRAYER: THANKSGIVING

1. When the Apostle Paul looks at the Ephesian church, he gives thanks to God for the good things happening among the people? What would be different if we looked at all the good things in our lives, and thanked God for them? Would anything change if we truly believed that every good thing came from God, not our own talents, discipline, or efforts?
2. Paul's prayer of Thanksgiving was loaded with affirmation for his brothers and sisters in Christ. Have you heard these words: "I am proud of you." Do you say those words to others? How have those words powerfully encouraged you in our life?

PAUL'S PRAYER: THANKSGIVING

1. KNOWLEDGE (v17) Paul prays that the Ephesian church would grow in knowledge of God (v17). Ronnie's mentor would say, "You cannot worship that which you do not know." What is one thing we can change in our life that would help us to grow in our knowledge of God?
2. HOPE (v18) Paul also prays for a new sense of hope (v18). In our modern day, we use the word "hope" to communicate uncertainty, while the Bible does the exact opposite. Does your faith in Christ feel like certainty, or wishful thinking? How does being a part of faith community help us to grow in this?
3. POWER (v19) How does the idea of God's power (v19) running through your spiritual life make you feel? Does it awaken your interest, or does it make you nervous?

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

1. Do you believe that you are God's inheritance? Who can you pray for this week, that they would remember that they are God's inheritance?
2. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?