

Week 03 Small group

Pray for revelation

TRANSFORMED LIFE



WEEK THREE – PRAY FOR REVELATION

‘For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.’

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

WELCOME

Recall a time when you have experienced an amazing view. It could be a scenic viewpoint or from a vantage point on a high building. How did you feel?

Check out how the group got on memorising the verse from last week.

Is there anything anyone wants to share on reflection of last week’s study?

PRAY

Thank God that by His Spirit He reveals new truths to us and helps us to see things from a new viewpoint. Invite the Holy Spirit to be active in all our lives as we watch and discuss today’s session.

WATCH THE VIDEO

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(Ephesians 1:17-19)

1. Know God

2. Know how we are

the hope of His

the riches of His

the greatness of His

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WORD

What's the difference between knowing something intellectually and knowing something experientially?
How has this related to our personal knowledge of God?

How have you come to know God better recently?

As a group, list as many ways as you can think that we can come to know God better (through Bible reading, prayer, other Christians, nature, His working in circumstances, etc). How can group members relate to any of these personally?

How has coming to know the hope of His calling changed your outlook on life?

How can knowing we have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead at work in us change our approach to life's challenges?

WORSHIP

Find a song related to this week's theme and listen to it or sing it together.

MEMORY VERSE

'I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.' (Ephesians 1:17)

PRAYER

Let's invite the Holy Spirit to bring greater revelation to us now.

Holy Spirit, will You speak to us now about hope.

Holy Spirit, will You remind us of some of the riches You have placed in our lives because we belong to Christ.

Holy Spirit, will You give us a fresh revelation of how vast Your power is.

Give each person a phrase from the memory verse below. Mix up the order so it isn't sequential.

Everyone stands and starts repeating their phrase. Explain that while continuing to speak they need to get in the right order for the phrases to make up the memory verse. When in the right order they say, in sequence, their phrase, completing the memory verse.

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- that the God
- of our Lord Jesus Christ the glorious Father
- may give you the
- Spirit of wisdom
- and revelation, so that you may know him better

(Ephesians 1:17)

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ACTION STEPS

Read Day 50, Section 4, 'Prayer' in the *Transformed Life* book.

Write out Ephesians 1:17 on a piece of card or somewhere it is easy to access, such as on a phone. Use it to pray for yourself, your family, your friends and members of your small group and church family.