

Connect

Do you have any family members who live far away? If so, do you write to them? What kinds of things do you write? Why?

Verses - Ephesians 6:21-24 (CSB)

21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. 22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. 23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Study

1. Why did Paul call them his brothers and sisters? What father did they share in common? How were all of them related to Jesus? (v. 24)

2. **DISCUSS:** Why did Paul think it was important for his Christian brothers and sisters to know how he was and what he was doing? (vv. 21,22)

3. **SHARE:** In addition to providing encouragement, Paul used this letter to teach his brothers and sisters. Please take a few minutes individually to look through Paul's letter to the Ephesians and identify at least one teaching that means a lot to you. (*A "teaching" can be only one verse.*)

   When everyone is ready, please each in turn, read the teaching that you selected and explain why it is meaningful to you.

4. **GROW:** What can we learn from Paul's letter to the Ephesians about how ***we*** should relate to and communicate with our Christian brothers and sisters, including those with whom we ourselves recently shared the gospel, new believers, and others in need of discipleship?

5. At the end of this letter (vv 23, 24) Paul pronounces a blessing of **peace**, **love**, and **grace** on the brothers and sisters in Ephesus. Is this a good way for us to bless our brothers and sisters in Christ? Why? *(Hint: Pastor Takeshi's sermon this week gives the answer to this question.)*

Magnify

Based on today's lesson,

- ❖ What might you be able to confess?
- ❖ What can you praise God for?
- ❖ What can you thank Him for?

Take prayer requests and pray for each other.