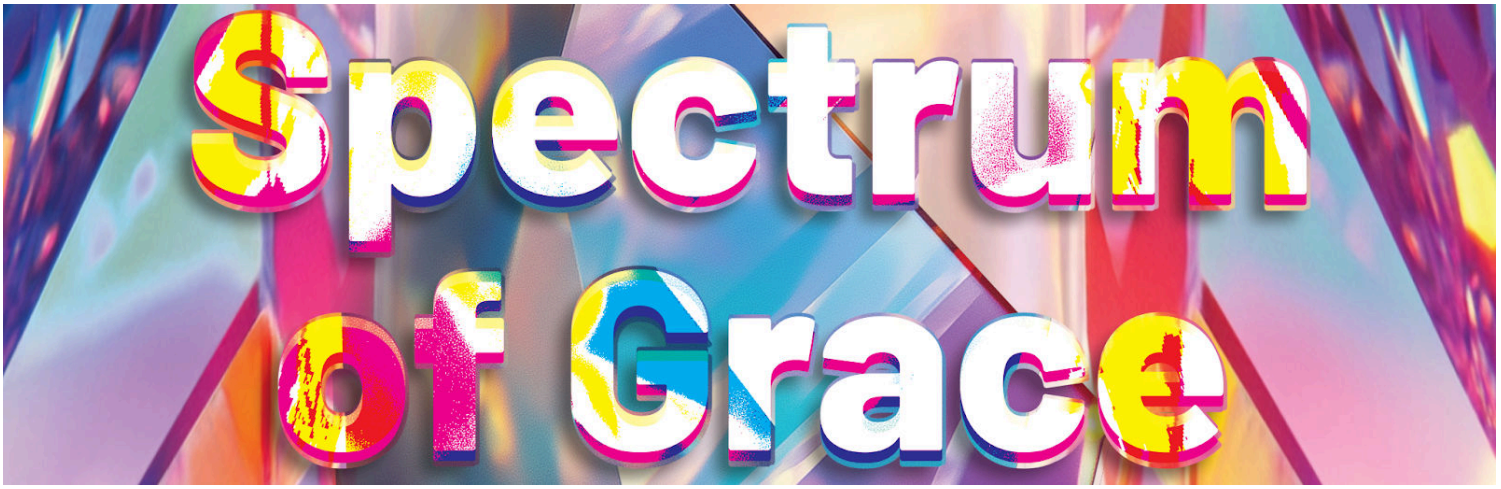


Week of July 27, 2025 - Eyes That See Find Power Small Group Lesson 4

Connect

Think about a time you tried to fix a problem on your own, but your attempts only seemed to make it worse. Perhaps you needed to call an expert or someone who might know more? What did you learn from that experience?

Verses - Ephesians 1:15-23 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In v.17, Paul prays for the Ephesians to receive "the spirit of wisdom and revelation." How does this differ from simply gaining more knowledge? Why is prayer the key to receiving it?

2. The phrase "the eyes of your understanding" (v.18) can also be translated as "the eyes of your heart." Why is this? What three specific things does Paul want us to "know" once our hearts can see clearly?

3. In vv.20-21 Paul describes the immense power God used to raise Christ and seat Him above every other authority. In v.22, he states that God gave Christ to be "head over all things to the church." The church is then called Christ's "body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (v.23). What does this powerful description mean for how we should view our church and our role within it?

Share

Discuss 1:

P. Jesse said, "The renewed mind is not in your head, but in your heart... It is... through faith, and worships and loves His grace." (Ephesians 3:17, 4:23) How does this idea challenge the way you normally approach your spiritual growth? What is one way you can focus on nurturing faith in your heart this week, rather than just accumulating knowledge in your head?

Discuss 2:

The message reminds us that the power of the church is unleashed when we love and serve one another. (Acts 2:42-47) What is one practical way our group can better support or encourage each other this week?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests