

WISH YOU WERE HERE

FAMILY DEVOTION



Week 1: Ephesians 1:1-2

1. Years before Paul wrote the letter of Ephesians, he spent about three years living & planting churches in Ephesus. Ephesus was an idolatrous city and very distant from God – in some ways like our city & country. Yet, somehow Paul lived boldly & effectively for Christ. Have you ever found it difficult to live a life of faith in your circumstance or place in life (work, school, family, etc)?
2. One of the key themes throughout Ephesians is grace for the sake of unity in the Church. Has there ever been a time when showing grace was difficult? Did you show grace? How did that situation turn out?
3. Is there a person or are there people in your life you have difficulty showing grace to? Why do you think that is? What do you think would be the result if you showed them grace in the future?
4. The second key theme throughout Ephesians is having peace through knowing and owning our identity in Christ. How do you most often identify yourself? Why?
5. As a kid, how did you answer the question: “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Did that answer become reality in your life? If so, are you happy things turned out the way they did? If not, do you think you would be happier if that’s how things had turned out for you? Why?/Why not?
6. Most people identify themselves by what they do or where they are in life. Do you think there is any danger in finding your identity in your occupation or status in life? Why?/Why not?
7. For a Christian, our ultimate identity is that we are “in Christ” – or that we belong to Christ. Why is knowing and owning this as our true identity so important to our faith journey?

This Week's Prayer

This week, pray that God would continually make you a person of grace to others and that your life would be filled with peace.

