

## February 2021 - Life Group Questions

Welcome to the Winter Session of Life Groups! We are diving into Paul's letter to the Ephesians, written from Rome. For background context of Paul's work in Ephesus, read Acts 19-20. We will be utilizing the commentary and study questions from the book, [Be Rich: Gaining the Things Money Can't Buy](#) by Warren Wiersbe. Our study in Ephesians is divided two parts: in the first part, we have emphasized the riches available to us who are in Christ Jesus. As we move into the second part, we will study and discuss our responsibilities as believers in terms of how we relate to God and to other people, and the reality of our spiritual battles.

Below are the verses in Ephesians that will be taught during our Sunday services, the corresponding chapter in the Wiersbe commentary and the questions from the commentary to use in your group each week (you can select a few or answer all of them).

### **FEBRUARY 7**

#### **Be Rich Chapter 7- Ephesians 3:14-21**

1. Think about your prayers the past several days. How do you think God would evaluate them? Why?
2. Read Paul's second recorded prayer for the Ephesians in 3:14-19. Why did he kneel to God in prayer?
3. Paul prayed that they would be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit. If you've ever prayed for strength, what did you want the strength for?
4. What did Paul want his readers to have the strength to do? Why did that require strength?
5. How does the Holy Spirit strengthen our inner beings?
6. Why is it necessary for a Christian to be rooted and grounded in love? Whose love for whom?
7. How strongly aware are you of Christ's incomprehensible love for you? What is the evidence in your outlook on life and your habits?
8. How does a person grow in awareness of Christ's love for him or her?
9. What is God's fullness? How can we experience it in practical ways?
10. How are the four requests in Paul's prayer related?
11. What impressed you most about Paul's prayer? Why?

### **FEBRUARY 14**

#### **Be Rich Chapter 8 (pg. 105-110) - Ephesians 4:1-6**

1. What do you think are the main factors that contribute to the success of a sports team?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-16 where Paul emphasized a major factor that contributes to the success of the church: unity. What is the "unity of the Spirit"? What is the basis for unity among believers?
3. Why is unity so important?
4. Why is disunity (squabbling, cliques, power struggles, sniping about other denominations) unworthy of our calling?
5. How does humility aid unity?
6. How do patience and bearing with one another aid unity?

## **FEBRUARY 21**

### **Be Rich Chapter 8 (pg. 110-115) - Ephesians 4:7-16**

7. What's the connection in this passage between unity and a diversity of gifts?
8. Paul says God gives leaders (apostles, prophets, etc.) to equip other believers to do works of service so that the whole body becomes united and mature. Are you equipped for works of service? If so, what services are you doing? If not, what equipping do you need?
9. What happens to the body of Christ if the leaders do all the works of service?
10. What evidences of spiritual growth does Paul mention?
11. How can you contribute to unity and maturity in the body of Christ?

## **FEBRUARY 28**

### **Be Rich Chapter 9 (pg. 119-123) - Ephesians 4:17-24**

1. What do you do with things when they become old?
2. Read Ephesians 4:17-24. How did Paul compare the old, or unsaved, man with the new, or saved?
3. How does this description compare with his previous descriptions of unsaved and saved people in Ephesians 2:1-9?
4. Why should believers live differently than they did before they were saved?