



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

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 will focus on two parts: the first will help us appreciate the riches available to us who are in Christ Jesus, and the second will emphasize 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).

JANUARY 10

Be Rich Chapter 3 - Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Read Paul's prayer for the Ephesian believers in Ephesians 1:15-23. What motivated Paul to pray for them?
2. Paul prayed for his readers to know God better. What does knowing God involve? How well do you know Him?
3. What is hope? How is it related to your calling?
4. What does it look like for you to live as a person with hope rather than hopelessness?
5. How did God demonstrate His power to us?
6. Why do we need God's power?
7. Which is a greater temptation for you: to live as if you are powerless and no power is available, or to live as if you have plenty of power without relying on God? Explain.
8. How does Paul's prayer compare with how you typically pray?
9. Which of the things Paul prays for do you most need to pray for? Why that?

JANUARY 17

Be Rich Chapter 4 - Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What does Paul mean when he says his readers were dead?
2. How is the flesh different from the body? Why does this distinction matter?
3. There are lots of unbelievers who live moral lives. How can a person live to satisfy the cravings of the flesh and still live a basically moral life?
4. How do you respond to the idea that basically decent people are disobedient and influenced by the Devil?
5. Are you more alive than the unbelievers you know? If so, how?
6. How does God make dead people come alive?
7. Paul says you are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. What does he mean? How can that be true of you while you still live on earth?
8. What is the relationship between good works and salvation?
9. What is the significance of the word "workmanship" in verse 10? How would thinking of yourself as God's workmanship affect the way you conduct your life?
10. How have you seen God working in you lately?
11. What good work is God giving you to do, with His power, this week?

JANUARY 24

Be Rich Chapter 5 - Ephesians 2:11-22

1. What do people today mean by the word "peace"?
2. Are you a Jew or a Gentile? How does that affect the way you respond to Ephesians 2:11-22.
3. Without Christ, Paul says the Gentiles are also without citizenship, without a covenant, without hope, and without God. Is this true of unbelievers you know? If so, how?
4. What does it mean to be reconciled to another person?
5. Why is reconciliation needed between man and God?
6. Why is reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles significant?
7. How does this reconciliation affect your daily life?
8. How does God's peace contrast with the way people refer to "peace" today?
9. How aware are you of being an insider, a person who fully belongs and has been brought near? Why is that?
10. What are you doing to help people be reconciled to God?

JANUARY 31

Be Rich Chapter 6 - Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Read Ephesians 3:1-13. Paul speaks of a mystery: that Gentiles are now welcome in the family of God. Why was this such a big deal?
2. Is the reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles old news, or does it matter today? Explain.
3. What are some of the riches of Judaism that Gentiles have access to in Christ?
4. What do the angels learn from this revealed mystery (3:9-10)? How does it affect you to think about this?
5. How is this passage related to 2:11-22?
6. One of the themes running through Ephesians is God's power (3:7), the power that raised Jesus from the dead (1:19-21) and is still at work in the world. What did God's power do for Paul? What has it done for you?
7. God's welcome to the Gentiles is supposed to give us boldness and confidence to approach God (3:12). How confident are you about approaching God? Explain.
8. Why do you think some believers and churches lack the confidence God wants them to have?
9. How does knowing this mystery strengthen you today?