

February, 2008
Group Bible Study, week 2

Hi Everyone,

Here is the group bible study for week two:

Group Bible Study: Week 2

Read Eph. 1: 15-23

Verse 15

Of importance here is their faith in Jesus and their love to all the saints (believers)

Verse 17:

Of importance here is the Glory Of God as seen in Jesus and the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

Verse 18:

Of importance here is that you must know, the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

Verse 19:

Of importance here is the exceeding greatness of His power to the believers.

1. What did Paul notice as the exceptional aspects of the congregation that is making him thanking and praising God? Get at least 5.
2. Study Paul's prayer that follows his praise.
3. Why does Paul feel that, in spite of their exceptional faith, that there are still things that he needs to pray about concerning the congregation?
4. How does your congregation and the church in general compare to what is mentioned in this piece of scripture?
5. How can your congregation work towards what Paul wishes for the congregation of the Ephesians? How will the Holy Spirit do His work? What is the responsibility of every member of the congregation?

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Personal Bible Study Day1-3 Week 2

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Day 1: Problems with building

Read 1Cor. 3:1-8

1. What are the problems that Paul is experiencing with the congregation?
2. What do you think Paul means by “milk” and “meat”?
3. What are the reasons, according to Paul, for the problems in the congregation?
4. How does their situation compares with your life and your congregation?

Day 2: More problems

Read 1 Heb. 4:14-6:2

1. What are the problems that Paul is experiencing with this congregation?
2. If the writer means the basic teaching of the bible with “go over the basics on God again, starting from square one--baby's milk, when you should have been on solid food long ago! “ do you think the average Christian has enough knowledge of it? Do you think there is a big difference between the average church goes today and an the congregation of Hebrews?
3. What is the solution to this according to Heb 5:14?
4. What does that say to you?

Day 3: Privileges

Read 1 Co. 1:4-9

1. What is it that Paul says he is very thankful for?

2. Who has to get all the praise for the exceptional state of the congregation of Corinth?
3. What is the reason for God's blessings for the believer?
4. What is our calling and what does it mean?

In spite of the fact that there were lots of good things about the congregation that Paul could praise there were still problems he had warn them about. What are these problems?

Personal Bible Study day 3-6 week 2

Day 4:

Read Ph. 1: 3-11

1. What is it that Paul is very thankful for concerning the congregation of Philippians?
2. Who deserves the glory for what they are?
3. What is the responsibility of man in it?
4. What is Paul's wish for the members of the congregation of Philippi?
5. Think of the important aspects he mentions and compare it to your congregation.
6. What is Paul afraid of in verse 10?
7. Is it still a valid fear for today's Christians? If so, why?

Day 5:

Read Col. 1: 3-23

1. In this congregation there is also a lot to be thankful for. What is it?
2. How does it compare to your life and the life of the rest of your congregation?
3. Even though there are many good aspects in the congregation, there are still aspects Paul feels it is necessary for him to pray about. What is the core of this?
4. Think about the core aspects Paul feels he has to pray about and minutely dissect it so you can inspect every detail of every thought.
5. Think about what is said about Christ in verses 14-23. We have to worship Him for what He did for us.
6. Are you prepared to follow Him to the end?

Day 6:

Read 1Thess. 1: 1-10

1. For what three specific aspects are Paul thankful when he thinks about the Thessalonians? What is the meaning of each for you and what do you have to do about it?
2. Does your life show this?
3. How did Paul's preaching happen amongst them? How did he do it?

4. Does the Word still come to people in this way today? Explain.
5. In what ways were they an example to other people?
6. Are we still examples to others in the same way today? If not, where does the problem lie? What are the mistakes we make?

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