



SMALL GROUP STUDY

The Wealth, Walk and Warfare of a Believer

Paul remind the Ephesians of the wealth they have in Christ. He urges them to walk, and fight as a believer and he explains exactly what that means. Ephesus was the capital city of Asia Minor, it was the financial center of the Roman empire during that time. On Paul's second journey to Ephesus he stayed with there for about three years teaching. When Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians, he was chained to Roman guards--under house arrest.

The Wealth -- What we have and who we are in Christ (chapters 1-3)

Paul tells about the wealth that we have in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What are the spiritual blessings mentioned in Ephesians 1:3?
- b. Do you live like you are poor? Do you know what you have in Christ?
- c. When did God love you?
- d. Why was Jesus Christ called the chief corner stone? What is our connection to the corner stone?

The Walk -- What we should live like because of the truth (4:1-6:9)

Paul instructs them in their walk before other Christians, before the world, and at home.

Discussion Questions:

- a. How should we walk with others who walk?
- b. How should we walk before this evil world we live in?
- c. How does Paul tell us to submit in several different roles?
- d. Examine your heart: What changes do you need to make in your walk in light of Paul's instructions?

The Warfare -- You cannot be a spiritual pacifist (6:10-24)

Paul explains that Christianity is not a play ground, it is a battle ground and he tells us how to prepare for that warfare.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Who is the enemy? How are they armed? What is their strategy?
- b. What defense do you have against this opposition?
- c. What actions will you now take to make your defense stronger?
- d. What are the odds that "God's side" will win this battle? Explain your answer.
- e. Examine your heart: Are you in Christ?