

# EPHESIANS

## PART OF SOMETHING BIG

### ***Ephesians 1:15-23***

***For the week of October 8, 2023***

#### ***Reading the Text:***

1. What was the big idea of last week's text?
2. Read v. 17 aloud together. How would you summarize what Paul is saying here in your own words? What specifically is Paul praying that God does in the lives of those connected to the church in Ephesus?
3. In v. 18, Paul wants his readers to "know" three things. What are these three ideas? After noting these ideas, how would you state them in your own words?
4. It seems like Paul shifts his focus in this passage in vv. 20-23. What does he shift his focus towards? What does he say about Jesus in these verses?
5. When we read the Bible, we're always trying to understand the author's intended meaning- their "big idea". How would you state the "big idea" of this passage? What is the connection between last week's "big idea" and this week's?

#### ***Living It Out:***

1. How would you describe your experience or practice of prayer right now? Is there anything you would want to change about it? If so, what would you change?
2. What does it mean to "know the hope" to which God has called us? What is the hope we have in Him, and what does that hope feel like? Describe it.
3. In the sermon, Jonny gave us the "GIF" framework for prayer ("[God's] Glory, [our] Increased Faith"). Could this framework be helpful for your time in prayer? How?