

EPHESIANS: IN CHRIST, IN COMMUNITY**READ: EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

We continue this week exploring the first chapter of Ephesians.

1. What was one of your "take-aways" from this weekend's message?

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2. Verse 15 starts off with "For this reason..." How was this connected to the previous passage?

3. After elaborately praising God for His blessings (vv. 3-14), Paul expresses thankfulness for the Ephesian believers. What were Paul's prayers for the church in this week's passage?

BEING ON MISSION

At Cold Springs we talk about "being on mission." *Our passion is to raise up compassionate followers of Jesus Christ to be risk-takers for God.* Jesus was sent by His Father on a mission. And so are we. We are "on the mission with Jesus" when we integrate our changed hearts (through Jesus) into our everyday lives - bringing God's Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

We are people becoming the church. You are the church. I am the church. We are the church. What happens when we figure out there is no missional difference between paid professional clergy and the rest of us? We, as people, become the church.

Through a radical dependence upon God, we strive to see Him pull back the curtain of heaven so our church, our community and our world more fully experience the Kingdom of God. We pray and work for God's Kingdom to come, His will to be done here in our community and our world, just like it is in heaven.

4. How can the realization of Jesus' great power and message as read in Ephesians 1:15-23 impact your daily decisions?

5. Who do you need to invite along the journey of Jesus' mission? Who's your "One More?"

PRAY FOR SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

"One more _____ (friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, child) for the Kingdom of God."