## In Christ

# **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Pastor Bruce opened up his message by describing the beauty of a sunset along the Pacific Coast Highway. With your experience, where and when did you see "your" most beautiful sunset? Briefly explain why.

#### **THESIS**

Imagine trying to describe the most beautiful sunset that you have ever seen to a blind person. No matter how rich and nuanced your vocabulary is they could not see what you experience. Similarly, without God's enlightenment you are unable to know and experience God, nor appreciate your identity in Christ. Today, I pray that we will know the goodness and greatness of God.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Q1. What are some qualities of your local church that are praiseworthy?

- Q2. Describe some lessons you've learned about the goodness and greatness of God?
- Q3. How might a better understanding of the goodness and greatness of God impact believers?

Q4. Review the section "Practice (How to know the goodness and greatness of God). Where would you like to grow this year?

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Neighboring Idea: **Pray for God to open doors for you to talk about God's goodness and greatness with neighbors where you live, work, school, play and worship.** 

- How have you loved your neighbors inside the group this week?
- How have you loved your neighbors outside of your group this week?

#### PRAYER

- Praise God for His overflowing wisdom and all we have to do is simply ask Him.
- Pray we are reminded that we are God's portion and His inheritance.
- Pray we continue to give Him glory in everything we say, do, and think.

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• Pray for opportunities to share the love, mercy, and grace of God to our family and friends.





NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10: "IN CHRIST YOU ARE ALIVE""