

HBC Lifegroup Pulpit Curriculum

Living in Christ's Power – Ephesians 1:15-23

This material is designed to help give you ideas for discussing the sermon profitably. We trust the lifegroup leaders to choose the questions that will be most helpful to their groups. No one should feel obligated to complete ALL the questions. The reason there is so much material is to offer guidance for those who would like to further study the topic during their devotion times during the week. In our experience, many people need some direction for devotions in order to actually have them.

Introduction

Sunday's sermon began with an illustration of two brothers who inherited millions from their father yet died living as paupers in their father's mansion. Pastor Kurt said this is sadly like the way we in the church live – not accessing and enjoying what God has provided for us.

This week's sermon focused on the last 2 of the 4 points of provision God has given believers:

3. Walk Like a Pilgrim ("the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" – Eph. 2:18c)
4. Thrive in His Power (Eph. 2:19-23)

Walking Like a Pilgrim

Are you qualified, in God's eyes, to receive a good inheritance from Him or will you receive His wrath? **Read Mt. 25:31-46, Rom. 8:17, Ps. 16:5 and 1 Pet. 1:3-5.**

How often do you think about your inheritance? (**Col. 3:1-2, Heb. 12:1-2**)

Does this affect the way you treat the One who has provided it for you? How?

Please read **Phil. 3:12-21** and consider whether or not you walk like a pilgrim in these areas: finances, work, family, neighborhood, recreation, church?

Thriving in His Power

What does it mean to thrive in His power? Read **1 Jn. 2:1, Gal. 2:20, and 1 Peter 2:18-25.**

Do you BELIEVE God's promises? If not, why not?

Are you relying on God to be your advocate or are you relying on your own power/competency/intelligence/wealth/or health?

How do you see God's power at work in your life? Please share personal examples so that others may be built up and encouraged.

Please pray for additional pastoral staff to come soon.

Gospel Memory Verses – Rom. 5:8 and 1 Peter 3:18 – Christ paid the penalty