

# EXPERIENCING THEOLOGY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## EPHESIANS 1:15-23

- 1 In Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, he asks God to "give the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened..."
-  a. Why do you think it is important to pray for the Holy Spirit to enlighten or illuminate our understanding of the Bible? Look at John 16:13, 1 Corinthians 2:9-13, and John 14:26. What other passages speak to the Holy Spirit's role in helping us understand the Bible?
-  b. Along with the Holy Spirit's work to help us understand the Bible, Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 119:18, and 2 Timothy 2:15 give us a few other important components. What are they?
-  c. What about your spiritual life needs to change, in response to these passages?
- 2 If someone said, "I really don't know much about God from the Bible but want to learn," what advice might you give them? Where could you encourage them to start reading in the Bible? What additional resources would you recommend?
-  a. Create a list of 5 foundational truths in the Bible that every Christian knows how to explain. Which passages or collection of verses would you use with each of these truths?
- 3 When thinking through "applying what you know about God to everyday life so you can experience hope," we typically think about the difficult days and needing hope instead of despair.
-  a. How might a person need to "apply what they know about God" in the middle of a very positive season of life, so they can experience true Biblical Hope?

