

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

Series: *Identity: Who We Are in Christ*

(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)

– Ephesians 1:15-23 –

### 1. Who should we pray for?

- Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 15-16)

### 2. Who do we pray to?

- Answer: To \_\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_, empowered by \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17a)

### 3. What should we pray for?

- Answer: That they will \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 17b-18)
- Answer: That they will \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 19-21)

### 4. Why does prayer sometimes not appear to work?

*"I cry out to you, O God, but You do not answer..." (Job 30:20)*

- Answer: Sometimes God says \_\_\_\_\_; sometimes God says \_\_\_\_\_; sometimes God says \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. What is the purpose of prayer?

- Answer: It \_\_\_\_\_ us with God and \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 22-23)

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. In vs. 16 Paul says, "I have not stopped giving thanks for you..." Who are you thankful for and why?
3. In vs. 18 Paul uses the term "eyes of your heart" What do you think he means by this phrase, and why do you think he worded it that way?
4. Where do you need the "incomparably great power" (v 19) of God to be at work in the coming week?
5. How would you change if your group sincerely began to pray vss. 17-19 every week for each other?
6. Buck said, "God sees around corners that you cannot see." Why do you think God says "No" sometimes?
7. Share about a time that God did not answer a prayer the way you thought that He would.