

# The Church

# The Body of Christ Raised by God's Power Questions - Week 4

# Thanksgiving and Prayer - Ephesians 1:15-23<sup>1</sup>

Topics: <u>Authority</u>, <u>Body</u>, <u>Church</u>, <u>Creation</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Heaven</u>, <u>Holy Spirit</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Love</u>, <u>Power</u>, <u>Prayer</u>, <u>Thankfulness</u>

## Open It

- 1. How do you celebrate Thanksgiving Day?
- 2. \*For what do you thank God on a daily basis?
- 3. How do you show that you are thankful for those around you?

#### **Explore It**

- 4. \*What motivated Paul to pray for the Ephesians? (1:15-16)
- 5. What did Paul ask God to give to the Ephesian Christians? (1:17)
- 6. What is the purpose of having wisdom and revelation? (1:17)
- 7. \*Why did Paul ask that the Ephesians' hearts would continue to be enlightened? (1:18)
- 8. What kind of help is available to all Christians? (1:19-20)
- 9. How is God's power at work in all creation? (1:21)
- 10. How does God's power reach across time? (1:21)
- 11. \*What did God place under Christ's control? (1:22)
- 12. What appointment did God give Christ? (1:22)
- 13. What is the church's relationship to Christ? (1:22-23)

<sup>1.</sup> Adult Questions for LESSONMaker, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "Thanksgiving and Prayer - Ephesians 1:15-23".

### Get It

- 14. \*How did Paul support the Ephesian Christians?
- 15. How can you encourage growth in other Christians?
- 16. \*The Ephesians showed faith in Christ and love for one another; what qualities distinguish your Christian walk?
- 17. How do you know that Christ's power is sufficient for your life?
- 18. How does the knowledge of God's authority and control make you secure?
- 19. When did you last express a prayer of thanks for other saints?

## **Apply It**

- 20. Since God's power is available to you, what do you need to do to take hold of it this week?
- 21. \*What people in need could you remember in your prayers this week?