

# groups

Study Group: Leader Guide  
Ephesians 1:17-19 – February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Looking Hope in the Eyes

## CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

## STUDY

*Main Topics: Hope, Power, the Holy Spirit*

Read Ephesians 1:17-19

- What role does the Spirit of wisdom and revelation play in a Christian's life?
  - John 14:26-27, 16:12-14
  - Romans 3:21-24
- What does it mean for our hearts to be enlightened?
  - Why do our hearts need to be enlightened in order to know the hope to which God has called us?
  - How does that happen?
- What hope is Paul speaking of in verse 18?
  - Where else in Scripture do we see this hope described?
- What is this hope *rooted* in?
- How do the riches promised to believers in this passage differ from the riches that the world seeks?
- How would you answer somebody who asked for proof of God's power?
- What power does God promise to those who believe? (see Leader Notes)

## APPLY

- Have you ever been promised something and then it wasn't given to you?
- Which of these is hardest to believe you can have? (see Leader Notes)
- Where do you go for hope right now besides Jesus?
- If our hope is rooted in Jesus, what begins to be eliminated from our lives?
  - How have you experienced that recently?
- What becomes a part of our daily lives when we root our hope in Jesus?
- Where have you seen the power of God in the last year?
- How would our group change if we prayed these verses over each other each week?

## CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?

## Leader Notes:

What power does God promise to those who believe?

- The Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8
- The Word of God – Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16
- Power to forgive, to endure, to preach, to reconcile, to be joyful and much more  
- Philippians 4:11-13, Colossians 1:11, 2 Timothy 4:2, James 1:2-4

Which of these is hardest to believe you can have?

- The Spirit of wisdom and revelation
- Your heart enlightened
- Hope in God
- A glorious inheritance
- Immeasurable power

## Reminders to Leaders:

- This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Study Group.
- Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word.
- There may be questions you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth.
- Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on their relationship with God. Your role is to **facilitate this experience, not to complete** the discussion guide.

## What are Groups?

Groups at Boca Community fall into 1 of 3 categories: Study, Serve or Outreach. Each group consists of 8-16 people who encourage, challenge and care for one another as they walk through life together.

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