

PREPARING FOR LESSONS FROM EPHESIANS

APRIL 11

Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

Questions to Think About

- 1) Who or what have influenced who you have become?
- 2) What does it mean when Paul says our identity is in Christ?
- 3) What blessing are you particularly aware of during this pandemic?

APRIL 18

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23 and 2:1-5

Questions to Think About

- 1) Which of these elements, persistence, specificity, and power, do you then to struggle with?
- 2) What does it feel like to be separated from someone or something you care about?
- 3) When have you been rescued, and what did it feel like?

APRIL 25

Read: Ephesians 2:6-13

Questions to Think About

- 1) What does it mean to you to be alive with Christ?
- 2) What has God prepared you to do?
- 3) Why is it important to be reminded of what God has done for us?

MAY 2

Read: Ephesians 2:14-22 and 3:1-6

Questions to Think About

- 1) When were you reconciled with someone or observed a reconciliation of others?
- 2) Why do you think Paul felt it important to tell this to the Gentile members of the Ephesian Church?
- 3) Has God ever whispered something to you that was important for you to know?

MAY 9

Read: Ephesians 3:7-21

Question to Think About

- 1) What do you believe is God's calling for your life?
- 2) In addition to singing "All are welcome in this place," what can we do to increase our church's diversity?
- 3) What is your response when you hear the benediction?

May 16

Read: Ephesians 4:1-6

Questions to Think About

- 1) What is the difference between a life worth living and living a worthy life?
- 2) What comes to mind when you consider living worthy of our calling?
- 3) Which characteristic (humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, peace) do you find the most difficult?

May 23

Read: Ephesians 4:4-13

Questions to Think About

- 1) How difficult is it to maintain unity in the church?
- 2) Why is Christian unity so important?
- 3) What gift(s) has Christ given you?

May 30

Read: Ephesians 4:12–32

Questions to Think About

- 1) Who in your life demonstrates being Christ-like?
- 2) How would you describe spiritual maturity?
- 3) How difficult is it to keep your mind on Christ with all the turmoil around us?

June 6

Read: Ephesians 4:32 and 5:1–20

Questions to Think About

- 1) What do you think it means to imitate God?
- 2) Why is offering ourselves to others a fragrant offering to God?
- 3) What does redeem the time mean to you?

June 13

Read: Ephesians 5:22–33 and 6:1–20

- 1) What are the hurdles wives and husbands experience after years of marriage?
- 2) Who might we consider as enslaved people in our community?
- 3) How difficult is it for you to think of putting on the full armor of God when you're in the midst of a crisis?