Ephesians 1 (Part 2) Discussion Questions

- What is the next blessing that Paul mentions in **verse 11**? (Our inheritance)
- Have you or anyone you've known ever come into an inheritance. Explain the circumstances.
- What was Israel's promised inheritance through the Mosaic Covenant?
- What were the limitations of Israel's covenant inheritance?
- What has been promised as an inheritance to believers in Christ?
- Look up **1 Corinthians 3:21-23** and **Romans 8:16-17** and discuss how those passages relate to our inheritance.
- What does it mean that we are fellow (or joint) heirs with Christ?
- What is Paul saying when he says God "...**works all things according to the counsel of his will**…" in **verse 11**?
- Read **verses 13 and 14**. What does Paul mean he says we are "sealed" in Christ by the Holy Spirit?
- How is the Holy Spirit a guarantee of our inheritance to come?
- What is the connection between the way ancient seals bore the image of their owner, and how the Holy Spirit communicates the image of God in our lives?
- In the final verses of the chapter what do we learn about how to pray for people?
- Why do you think Paul's model of prayer here is an important one to use?
- What two positive characteristics did Paul point out in the Ephesian church? (**v15**)
- What are the three things Paul says that he prayed for the Ephesians? (**17-19**)
- Explain why hope is important for believers?
- In **verse 19** Paul prays that the Ephesians would know "...**the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**." What other words can you think of that mean "immeasurable greatness"?
- Why is it important for believers to know the depth of God's power that is at our disposal?

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- How should this knowledge change the way we pray and live?

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