

Small Group Discussion 3/27/2022

Power for Living the Christian Life Effectively

– sermon by Dan Norwood

Passages: Ephesians 1:17-22, Colossians 1:11

Getting Started

- Can you recall times when God's promises, His provisions, or His empowerment have been especially meaningful to you?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

Discussion

- What were some of the specific biblical promises that Pastor Norwood asked us to remember? (Ref 1 Pet 1:3-3; 2 Tim 1:12; Phil 1:6; Heb 13:5)
- What were some of the provisions that God has made known to the believer through His Word?
- With respect to the Holy Spirit, what does "RIBS" help us remember?
- What are some other things that the Holy Spirit does in the life of the believer?
- How does God empower the believer? (Ref Eph 1:18-29; 3:20; Col 1:11; Eph 2:13; Rom 1:3-4, 16)
- Isaiah 40:30-31 talks about how those who wait upon the Lord "will gain new strength [and] mount up with wings like eagles." Explore the analogy of the eagle and the sailboat utilizing the wind to arrive at their destination.
- How does Romans 6:1-14 allow us to better serve Him? (Help: Know: 6:3, 5, 6, 9; Reckon: 6:11; Yield: 6:12-13)
- In Romans 6, what is the importance of "knowing" our being fully identified with Christ, prior to our seeking to "reckon" and "yield" in our current circumstance?