

Sermon Notes

Introduction to the Book of Ephesians

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It is our prayer that through our study of this great epistle, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:16–19)



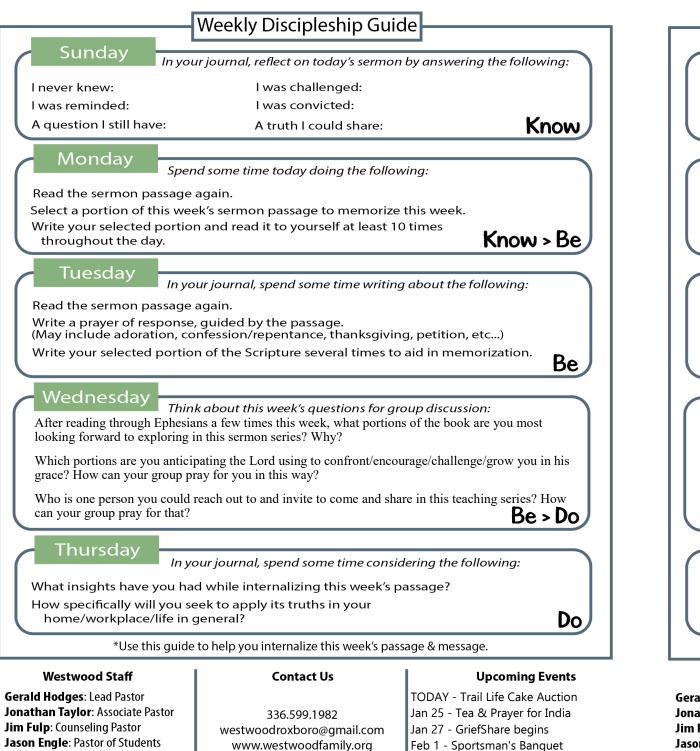
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	Weekly Discipleship Guid	e
Sunday In you	ır journal, reflect on today's sermon	by answering the following:
l never knew: l was reminded: A question l still have:	l was challenged: l was convicted: A truth I could share:	Know
Read the sermon passage Select a portion of this wee	nd some time today doing the follow again. ek's sermon passage to memorize f n and read it to yourself at least 10	<i>ing:</i> this week.
Read the sermon passage Write a prayer of response (May include adoration, co	-	g, petition, etc)
After reading through Ephesia looking forward to exploring i Which portions are you anticip grace? How can your group pr	pating the Lord using to confront/encou	of the book are you most rage/challenge/grow you in his
What insights have you ha How specifically will you se home/workplace/life in g	our journal, spend some time consid d while internalizing this week's pa eek to apply its truths in your general? to help you internalize this week's pass	ering the following: assage? Do
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