

Weekly Reading Notes

25-7-2021

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Observation:

(e.g. What sticks out to you? What do you think is the main point? What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? Do you have any questions?)

Application:

(e.g. Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe? Something to praise God for?)

Prayer:

Extra Questions

Consider the following summary statements from Sunday:

- ▶ **UNITY:** We will pray and work for unity in this church. *(Eph 4:3)*
 - ▶ **GATHERING:** We will commit to regularly gathering on the Lord's Day, not neglecting the necessity of meeting together. *(Heb 10:25)*
 - ▶ **HOLINESS:** We will seek, by God's grace, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We will do this remembering that we are united to Christ, living new lives in which we resist sin and pursue holiness. *(Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:14-16)*
 - ▶ **CARING:** We will rejoice in each other's happiness and endeavour to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. *(Rom 12:15; 1 Peter 1:22)*. We will be devoted to one another, humbly exercising care and watchfulness over each other, speaking the truth in love when required. *(Gal 6:1-2; Col 3:12-15; 1 Thess 5:11)*.
 - ▶ **EVANGELISM:** We will seek the salvation of our family and friends. *(Romans 10:13-15; Matt 28:18-20)*
 - ▶ **GIVING:** We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the financial needs of this church. *(Luke 12:31-34; 2 Cor 9:7; 1 Tim 5:17-18)*
 - ▶ **A TRUE CHURCH:** We will work together to uphold the centrality of preaching, believer's baptism and communion, and biblical church discipline. *(2 Tim 4:2; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 11:26; Matt 18:15-17)*
- (1) Which one makes you most excited to see **grow even more** in our church? Why?
 - (2) Which do you think is **hardest** for our church, and/or for you personally? Why?
 - (3) Spend some time **praying** through each statement. Pray that God would lead us to commit together to these things.