



Ephesians 1 (part 2)

Again we see the passion of Paul in verses 20-23

He is sidetracked from what he is saying to praise the greatness of God

*the writers of the Bible were passionate about what they were writing

ver 15-16

-Other than God, what else is Paul excited about?

-the Ephesian believers, he's heard they accepted Jesus and are seeking to follow him

*Veracity has been really exciting lately because of your passion for Jesus

*be thankful for each other

-we can slip away from thankfulness a couple different ways

-take them for granted

-look at them as a burden

-be jealous

-Paul's thankfulness leads him to do what?

-Pray for them

*we need to pray for each other

ver 17

-What does Paul pray for them?

-that they know Jesus more

-that they have that same passion for God that he does

*pray not just for physical things but for the deeper things as well

-this means we have to be willing to be open with each other

-it's easy to ask for prayer for your cold but not for your spiritual struggle

*Find some people you can be really honest with and pray for each other about the deeper things

Small Group

1) In what way can you slip away from being thankful for others?

2) What are some ways you are thankful for the believers God has put around you?

3) Do you have people in your life you can be open with and pray together with?