

OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

15th & 22nd May 2019

Where we left off last week was with a question. After reviewing last week's notes, what do you think it was like to be a Christian in first and second century Ephesus?

Overview

When we look at the New Testament, there are different literary types of books that we look at. As a group, let's evaluate what type the book of Ephesians is and how we should read it.

As we start the book of Ephesians, let's read chapter 1:1-2 and see who wrote the letter, to whom was it written and what was written.

Watch

Let's now watch a YouTube clip to see an overall view of the book of Ephesians:

Read Scripture: Ephesians by 'The Bible Project':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y71r-T98E2Q>

1. What stood out for you in the clip?
2. Was there something you hadn't noticed before?

Read

Let's now read Ephesians 1:3-14

List some of the themes Paul is writing about.

What is being expressed in verses 3-6?

What do we have in verse 7-8?

What did we do to deserve it?

What is the mystery? (Verse 9)

What is being put into full effect and when? (Verse 10)

What does Paul mean by predestination?

What is the Holy Spirit's involvement in our lives? (13-14)

What would this mean to a first century Jewish/ Gentile convert to Christianity?

Learn

What does this all mean to you? What have you **learnt**?

Encourage

If there was a new believer sitting in the room tonight, how would you explain this to them? How would you **encourage** another person?

Grow

Just like Paul, how can we apply verses 15-17? How can we **grow**?