

## Sunnyside Church Study Questions

**Series:** Made for More

**Sermon:** Know Jesus Better | **Date:** 1.11.26

**Speaker:** Pastor DJ Vick

### **Scripture, Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>5</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### **Questions:**

- #1. Recap from last week: Does anyone remember “the blessings” regarding our new identity in Christ that were covered last Sunday from Ephesians 1:1-14? Have these provided encouragement for you this week? If so, please share.
- #2. Paul prays for this church to have a Spirit of wisdom & revelation (vs. 17) for what purpose? This has always touched me in a deep way. Why is this so significant?
- #3. Are you doing something in the New Year to help you know Jesus better? If so, please share & testify.
- #4. In my sermon (DJ speaking here), I pulled out three things that come as a result of knowing Jesus better. Can you remember them or one of them? (Facilitator: I have provided the points on the next page 😊 . Just in case people get stuck).
- #5. Which one of these biproducts of knowing Jesus speaks to your heart the most right now? Consider it for a moment, then when you're ready please share with the groups why this is the form of a prayer request.

See the next page for a commentary quote and Old Testament promised use in my sermon.

## **IVP Bible Background Commentary (pg. 542) | Ephesians 1:13-14**

“After God “redeemed” Israel from slavery in Egypt, He led them to their “inheritance” or “possession” in the Promised Land. Later Jewish literature viewed the world to come as Israel’s ultimate “inheritance,” and early Christian writers used this language the same way (Mt. 5:5; 25:34; Rom. 8:17; 1 Cor. 6:9; Jas 2:5).

For Paul, Christians are God’s people, redeemed but waiting for the completion of their redemption; as with Israel of old, God’s presence among them is the assurance that He will take them into the land He has promised (Hag. 2:5).”

**Haggai 2:5** “This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”

Main Points from DJ’s Sermon:

### **Knowing Jesus Better:**

1. Gives us Hope
2. Reminds us of our Inheritance
3. Empowers us