

Epic Significance
Introduction to Ephesians
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I. The Study

A. My Philosophy

1. What does it _____?
2. What does it _____?
3. How can I _____ it to my life?

B. Questions

1. Five days each week
2. Three kinds of questions
 - a. Regular questions
 - b. Thought provoker questions
 - c. Challenge questions

C. Reflection Weeks (off-site, Community Day)

1. Create time and space
2. Memory verses
3. Review weeks

II. Introduction to Ephesians

A. The Letter to the Ephesians

1. "Pound for pound, Ephesians may well be the most _____ document ever written" (Klyne Snodgrass)
2. "It's about _____"

B. Who

1. The Apostle _____

2. Why most contemporary scholars disagree

C. Where Was It Sent

1. Ephesus

2. Problem

a. Paul seems to not know his readers very well

3. Answer

a. Ephesus was a large metropolis

b. Most likely a “circular letter”

D. Where was Paul?

1. In _____, most likely in _____

E. What We Know

1. Ephesians and Colossians were written about the same time

2. Both letters were sent with Tychicus

3. Colossians covers a number of issues specific to the church at Colossae

a. Ephesians covers similar _____ more generally

4. Conclusion

a. What makes sense

b. _____ wrote both letters

F. When

1. Around A.D. _____

G. General Outline

1. First Half – Chapters 1-3
 - a. Primarily _____
2. Second Half – Chapter 4-6
 - a. Primarily _____
3. There is practical _____ in the first half
 - a. Example
4. There is _____ in the second half
 - a. Example

H. Themes

1. God's _____ of us
2. Who _____ is
3. The _____ we have "in Christ"
4. We are saved by _____ alone, through _____ alone in _____ alone
5. Community and _____
6. Contrast of who we _____ _____ to who we are now "in Christ."
 - a. Ephesians 5:8
7. Worship and _____
8. _____ relationships

9.Spiritual _____

III. Conclusion

A. Paul's Desire for the Ephesians...and Us!

1. They would be _____ and _____ in love
2. That they would understand the _____ of God in Christ
3. And that they would understand who they are “_____” and because of Christ
 - a. So that they would _____ and _____ who they are in Christ