

# MYSTERY

## LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **INTIMACY, Ephesians 1:15–23—October 28, 2018**

With a grateful spirit, the Apostle Paul prays that, by knowing God intimately, believers would appreciate:

- The hope to which they have been called.
- The inheritance that is theirs.
- God’s power available to them—power that exalts Christ over all things and establishes Him as head of the Church.

#### **CONNECT**

1. What, if anything, have you praised God for this week? How have you prayed for the people in your group this week?

#### **CELEBRATE**

2. We often think about the degree to which our faith motivates our love for the saints we know. What does it look like for a church to have love for “all the saints”?
3. As in verse 15, when you think about New Hope Church, do you sense that our faith in the Lord and our love for all the saints is what others and God say about us?
4. What is it about God’s people that your heart is drawn to thank God for? Do it.
5. What does our church body need to believe about our position in Christ? Remember, you as individuals, make up the church as a whole. What do you need to believe about your position in Christ? Pray for deeper belief in these truths.
6. What does our church need to remember about what God has promised about our inheritance for now and the future? Using scripture, discern the difference between things we would like/desire and things that God actually promises.
7. Jesus is alive. He is seated at God’s right hand. And He is in charge. How is Jesus’ authority and primacy a cause for celebration, comfort and conviction?

#### **CONTRIBUTE**

8. How does this passage compel you to make Christ known to those who are not yet believers?
9. What will you do to live out the truths in this passage more fully to a watching world?