

Bible Study for November 16 - 22

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

Notes: November 22 is marked in the church this year as Christ the King Sunday, and the end of another church year. It is essentially the New Years Eve of the church calendar, a time to contemplate the past and (more importantly) look to the future.

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

Questions to Ponder:

What do you remember about Thanksgiving Day as a child? What is most meaningful about that day now?

We may understand why Paul gives thanks for this congregation, but why do you think he prays that they may have the spirit of wisdom and revelation as mentioned in verses 17-19?

If the church is "Christ's body" (vs 22-23) what does that imply for you?

How do you think Jesus gives us hope and power?

How might you change if you prayed verses 17 – 19 each week?

In light of the power available to Christians (vs 19) what is your favorite excuse for not "pulling out all the stops" on your faith?