EPHESIANS: LIVING IN LIGHT OF OUR ETERNAL PORTFOLIO

Message Application Guide

APPLICATION

Dr. Rydelnik started his message by sharing how, as Christians, we often live in "spiritual poverty," rather than in the "spiritual riches" that God has given us. What do you think he meant by this? How would you counsel someone to live more in the spiritual riches that God has given them?

In Ephesians 3:14-21, we are encouraged to pray that our spiritual lives reflect our spiritual wealth. Dr. Rydelnik indicated that it might be challenging to pray to be filled with all that God has for us. What could make that a challenging prayer for someone?

Dr. Rydelnick pointed out that we should pray:

- With a humble (needy) attitude
- For specific benefits
- Praising God for His glorious ability

Discuss what you thought each of these points meant. How might you begin to make these parts of your daily prayer life?

This week, Dr. Rydelnik invited us to apply Paul's prayer to our lives by doing the following:

- 1. Take time every day to meditate on the riches we have in Jesus.
- 2. Set aside five minutes to pray for each of the requests in Ephesians 3:14-20.
- 3. Ask God to glorify Himself through your life.

Discuss how your small group can take on this opportunity together.

Our elders have asked us to specifically pray the following for Pastor Jeff. Please do that now and throughout the next few weeks:

- 1. To finish well at their current ministry, Northview Community Church.
- 2. For God to provide courage for their kids (ages 20, 17, and 11).
- 3. For God to prepare new friends for Jeff and Jeanne and their children.
- 4. Favor with governments in the US and Canada and other authorities as moving during COVID isn't the easiest process.
- 5. For God's provision of a house they all can agree on.
- 6. That they would see the Lord's hand in this whole process and grow deeper in our love for Him because of