

## **Sample Study for Ephesians 1:15-23**

### **PRAY FIRST**

#### **THINK AND SHRINK**

V 15/16 I have heard about your faith in Jesus and love for His people and  
Have continued to give thanks and prayer for you

V 17 I ask God to give you wisdom to know Him personally

V18/19/20 I pray for light in your heart to know what He has called you to do; to  
know the riches of what He has for His followers, and the great power for us  
which is the same power He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and  
seated Him at God's right hand

v 21 far above everything, present and to come

v 23 And God placed all under His feet and appointed Him to rule the Church

v 24 which is His body, in which He speaks and acts, fills all with His presence

### **HEADINGS**

v 15-21 Paul prays for spiritual wisdom for Ephesian believers

v 22-23 Jesus is Head of Church, Fills Everything with Himself

### **PRINCIPLES**

God gives wisdom to know Him personally

God helps His people know what He has called them to do

Jesus is in charge of everything, present and future.

Jesus is Head of the Church.

### **APPLICATIONS**

I will ask God for help and wisdom to know Him in deeper ways

I will ask God for help in knowing what He has called me to do, day by  
Day.

I will respect the Church as the body of Jesus.

As part of His body, I will ask Him to use me as His ambassador.

### **HOW THE PASSAGE FITS INTO GOD'S STORY?**

God wants to redeem a people for Himself—people who passionately love and  
pursue knowing Him personally, asking for His help to act on His behalf so that  
others might know Him.

### **PRAY FOR GOD'S HELP WALKING OUT HIS WORD IN OBEDIENCE**