Acts 2 Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Two: Paul's Prison Epistles - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

Read E	phesians	1-3.	Paul ³	's tea	ching	in t	he fi	irst	half	of	Epl	hesians	has	tremen	dous	imp	olicat	ions	for	the	believ	er.

- 1) Ephesians 1:3 says believers are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. List the specific blessings given in the following verses (pull out the key ideas from Paul's long, eloquent sentences).
 - **a.** 1:4
 - **b.** 1:5
 - **c.** 1:7a
 - **d.** 1:6, 7b-8
 - **e.** 1:9
 - **f.** 1:11-12
 - **g.** 1:13
 - **h.** 1:14
 - **i.** 2:1, 5
 - **j.** 2:10
 - **k.** 2:11-22, 3:6
- 2) In 1:15-23 and 3:14-21, Paul follows up his teaching about the believer's wealth in Christ with two rich prayers. For what things does Paul pray (again, break down the sentences to draw out the key ideas)?

- **3)** From Ephesians 3:1-13, summarize Paul's calling in one sentence.
- 4) What truth or idea in Ephesians 1-3 most amazes you?

Read Ephesians 4-6. In light of our high calling, Paul urges believers to live in unity, purity and victory.

5) What does Ephesians 4:2-16 teach about attaining unity and maturity in the body of Christ?

6)	In Ephesians 4:17 – 6:9, Paul calls b verses call us to purify. Attitudes	evers to purity. List the specific attitudes and actions that these Actions								
7)		to live victoriously in light of our high calling. List each piece of se it to gain victory in a current, personal battle. Personal, Practical Use								
	c) d)									
	e) f)									
	g)									
	noting the questions below, read Philic Count the number of times Paul used circumstances (given in 1:13-14) and it strange that Paul wrote a letter to t	ppians 1-4. d the words joy, rejoice or glad in Philippians. Based on Paul's d the Philippians' circumstances (described in 1:29-30), do you think the Philippians in which joy was thematic? Finally, how does Paul's 1, help you find joy in a difficulty you may now be facing?								
9)		ilippians. What do the following passages reveal about their ilippi was in Macedonia); Philippians 2:25; 4:16, 18?								
10)		offers many encouraging and challenging words in Philippians. Which ally meaningful for your present life and how will you apply it?								

Read Colossians 1-4.

- **11)** Consider 1:15-20 and 2:9-23, in light of Colossians 2:4, 8. What do these passages suggest about Paul's purpose in writing Colossians?
- **12)** Colossians 1:15-20 is one of the premiere Christological statements in the New Testament. What does this passage teach about Christ?
- **13)** Explain how Colossians 2:8 applies to your culture and how you can apply Colossians 3:16 to your own life today.

Read Philemon.

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- **14)** Based on the content of the letter, why did Paul write Philemon?
- 15) Regarding Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon:
 - a) According to Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; 6:20; Philippians 1:7, 13-14, 17; Colossians 4:3, 10, 18; and Philemon 9-10, 13, 23, what was Paul's situation when he wrote these four epistles?
 - **b)** Based upon Ephesians 6:21-22, Colossians 4:7-9, and Philemon 10-12, what do these three epistles have in common?
 - c) Review what Paul says about himself in Philemon 9. From these four letters, what impresses you most about Paul and how will you plan to emulate him?