

Week of 11.7.21

- Read the passage from Sunday together (Ephesians 1:15-23)
- Offer a time to discuss the sermon together.
 - Why is it so hard to pray at times? What times in your life is it easy to pray?
 - Share any passages or truths that you cling to when it is difficult for you pray?
 - What shapes the way you pray? What examples does this passage give us to lead us through prayer practices?
- Chapters 18 and 19
 - How do you picture God listening to you when you pray?
 - Why do you think we hold up so much resistance to God's mercy that he so deeply desires to pour?
 - Read the quote from page 167 "There is comfort concerning...". Talk about the idea of Jesus hating the disease of sin and not our flesh.
 - Read Ephesians 2:1-6
 - Discuss the significance that scripture says "being rich" not "becoming rich"
 - "God doesn't withhold mercy from some kinds of sinners and extends it to others." Is this difficult for you to accept? Are there people that we struggle with extending mercy to ourselves? Do you struggle with the idea of God extending that mercy to you? Why?
 - Close by praying through remembering the quote starting at the bottom of page 179-180 "That God is rich in mercy means..."