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EPHESIANS 1:18-23

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GOSPEL

THE LIGHT OF HOPE

Follow along with your leader by filling in the blanks.
Use the space provided to take notes.

1 _____ is found when people _____ the _____ of Christ. (Ephesians 1:18)

2 God _____ His _____ as a glorious _____ . (Ephesians 1:18)

3 Nothing is _____ than the life-changing _____ of the _____ . (Ephesians 1:19-23)

notes

HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?



FOR WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS...
EPHESIANS 2:10

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PERSONAL DEVOTION

CULTIVATING YOUR SOUL

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
1 TIMOTHY 6:17

Those of us living in the United States typically have a skewed idea of what it is to be in need. Here are a few statistics to help us better understand what it truly means to be in need: almost 1.5 billion people live on \$1.25 a day or less, 22,000 children die each day because of poverty, more than 11 million children die each year from preventable diseases, and more than 1.5 billion people don't have access to clean water.

Now, open your Bible and read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, whom he left in charge of the church in Ephesus, and in this passage, he gives Timothy some instructions for the wealthy. Paul says that the rich are to put their hope in God and not in their wealth, because money and possessions are temporary and undependable. Instead, Paul says that they should enjoy what God has given them, while also being generous and ready to give to those who are in need.

Have you ever said "I'm starving" when you were hungry, or "I'm poor" when you couldn't afford something you wanted? Most of us have. Regardless of your financial situation, odds are you aren't actually starving or poor. In fact, most of us in the United States are extremely wealthy by the world's standards. Every five seconds a child dies from a hunger-related disease. That means that by the time you're done reading this devotional, roughly one hundred children will have literally died from hunger. This isn't a guilt trip. It's a reminder that we have an abundance compared to so many other people. That means we also have a responsibility. What are you doing with the things God has given you? As soon as possible, take time to go through your belongings, asking God how you can give of what you have to help others.

1. Are there material things in your life that you've put your trust in? If so, what are they?

2. What are you doing with your belongings and your money to help others?

3. After reading 1 Timothy 6:17-19, write down at least one specific thing you will give, sell, or somehow use to share the hope of Christ with someone in need.

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