

Exploring Ephesians

Ephesians 1:1-2

- 1 The Author
- 2 The Date & Place
- 3 The Recipients
- 4 The City of Ephesus
- 5 The Church at Ephesus
- 6 The Epistle
- 7 The Relevance



Group Discussion and Application

1. What new information did you glean from our study of Ephesians 1:1-2?
2. What background information taught today do you think will have significant bearing on our understanding of the letter to the Ephesians?
3. Discuss the relationship between belief and behavior (doctrine and practice).
4. Paul is described as an apostle “*by the will of God*” (v.1). What does the phrase, “*by the will of God*” indicate? How does this relate to our own calling as believers and servants of Christ?
5. What three designations does Paul use for Christians in v.1? Explain each one.
6. Ephesians was written almost two millennia ago. How do we determine what applications are appropriate for today? What are some common mistakes made in applying Scripture?
7. How might the study of the book of Ephesians be of particular importance to our own congregation?
8. List some of the important truths you already know from the book of Ephesians.



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Read through the letter to the Ephesians as preparation for the exposition of Ephesians. Write down your observations and questions as you read.
2. For additional study, trace Paul's ministry thru the book of Acts.



Family Homework

1. Use your Bible maps to locate the cities of Ephesus and Rome.
2. Read about the city of Ephesus from a Bible dictionary.
3. Define: *grace* and *peace*.