



## **SMALL GROUP PRAYER PRACTICUM**

### **“God, Shape Us!”**

Week 1 | September 10, 2017 | Ephesians 1:15-23

#### **Part 1 – Primer**

1. Have you ever found it difficult to pray? If you were to describe your prayer life at this particular moment in your journey, would you use a word like “growing?” “Exploratory?” “Neglected?” “Stale?” Or some other adjective?
2. Read Ephesians 1:15-23. When was the last time you offered thanks to God for the good news of people coming to Christ?
3. What is it precisely that Paul asks God for in this prayer? When was the last time you prayed a prayer asking God that you might know him better and have the insight to grasp certain critical truths about God?

#### **Part 2 – Prayer Laboratory**

- Pray that these next six weeks would be a time when God would grow you. Invite God to set his agenda for you this fall. If you are not reading through *The One Year Bible* as a daily practice already, commit to read the New Testament passages over the next six weeks.
  - This week write (or type) in a journal about those things you sense God is most interested in addressing in your life right now. What questions, angsts, crises, or opportunities is God using to draw you deeper in relationship with him?
  - If you are in a small group, share your journal entry with the group. Pray for one another that God would use Scripture, circumstances, relationships, and the insight of the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to what God desires you to know right now.
- \* If you are not in a small group, visit the Small Group table in the Gathering Place this morning and learn about finding a praying community to join you these next six weeks.