



**REFLECT:**  
(20 minutes minimum)

9. The verse in Ephesians means the most to me is...

10. The most challenging thing *for me* in what we've studied in Ephesians is...

11. Who will you *purposely encourage* this week?

12. Let's give everyone in the group an opportunity to share something specific we can pray about for you this week. Write down the requests and commit to praying each day about these items:



March 14, 2010

Ephesians #23

**IN CHRIST...BUT NOT  
ALONE**  
*EPHESIANS 6:21-24*



**OPEN:**  
(2 minutes)

1. The most encouraging person I've ever known...

2. The best way to encourage *me* is...

3. The town that I've been to that has the most unusual name is...





Read Ephesians 6:21-24

4. **What do you learn from 6:21-24 about relationships among Christians in the early church? List as many observations as you can.**
5. In Ephesians, Paul stresses the gospel of atonement (what Christ has done) rather than the gospel of attainment (what we do). Do we still struggle today with understanding grace? How so?
6. **Is it possible that a person that had difficulty believing God really loved them would begin to try to 'earn' their salvation through what they did? What would be the problem with trying to earn your salvation instead of recognizing salvation as the gift of loving grace that it is? What kind of life would an attitude of earning your salvation produce?**
7. God saved us through his grace and mercy because of his great love for us. Why is his expectation for us to do good works rather than of us trying to contribute to our salvation by those works?
8. **Paul uses grace in Ephesians to motivate us to live like Christ. What are the risks of using grace as our motivation? What other motivators might we use? What risks are involved with those motivations?**
9. Paul says in chapter 6 that we are in a war. Why is it important that we all fight side by side in this war? When we don't, what happens?



### **Life Group Schedule:**

Our last Life Group for this cycle will be on June 13. Life Groups will resume in September.