NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS EPHESIANS

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources *questions are based on New International Version (NIV)

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Ι.	a)	Why does Paul describe himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus? Read Acts 26:28–29 and Philippians I:13–14.
	b)	What is Paul's concern regarding the Ephesians and his imprisonment? See Ephesians 3:12–13 and 6:19–20.
	c)	In what ways do you feel imprisoned? How will you pray that God will use this to encourage you and others?
<u>)</u> .		inking question: Read Ephesians 3:1—Paul seems to digress in vs. 3:2–5 back to 2:19–22. hat is the connection?
3.	a)	According to Ephesians 3:6, what is "the mystery" referred to in Ephesians 3:3,4 and 6?
	b)	How, by whom, when and to whom was this mystery made known?

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4.		nat is Paul's purpose according to Ephesians 3:2, 7–10? What is your purpose (mission statement)? lude who gave it to you, how and when.
	b)	How excited are you about your answer in (b)? Rate this by analyzing how well your friends, family, co—workers, and acquaintances understand and/or know your mission statement.
5.	a)	Use a dictionary to help you define "manifold wisdom."
	b)	What do Ephesians 3:9–11 reveal to you about God's manifold wisdom? Read Isaiah 40:13–14, 55:8–11 and 1 Corinthians 2:9–10 for more insight.
6.	a)	Under what conditions may we approach God according to Ephesians 3:12? Explain.
	b)	Once these conditions are met, how may we approach God?
7.	a)	What is "this reason" Paul prays in Ephesians 3:14? (Go back to the verses preceding to discover this)

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b)	For what specifically does Paul ask from the Father and what are the desired results in Ephesians 3:16–19?
c)	For what specifically do you need "strengthening through His Spirit in your inner being?" Will you ask your group to pray with you for this strengthening?
d)	Why do you think the things described in Ephesians 3:17–19 are important to gain?
e)	How has/will your life change as a result of these requests granted by God?
a)	In Ephesians 3:20, how is the Father described?
b)	How does this knowledge change the way you pray to and request from the Father?
c)	What is to be given to Him? See Ephesians 3:21.

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