

## ALL-CHURCH STUDY GUIDE

October 10, 2021

### Week 1: I am confident ... because it is finished

#### PRAY

Ask for ears to hear, eyes to see, and a heart open to the truths that God will speak to you through your time together today.

#### ICEBREAKER

Talk about the title of this series and what you heard from the first message in it this week for anyone who missed it. What do we mean when we talk about “elevating the room”?

#### READ

**Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)**

#### PRE-VIDEO DISCUSSION

How do you think the first recipients of this letter felt when they heard these words of Paul’s? How do they make you feel hearing them now?

#### WATCH

**Play the Week 1 video now. (There will be a prompt to pause the video to discuss some questions)**

#### DISCUSSION

*Pause & Discuss (1)*

1. How would you explain the phrase “eyes of your heart”? How is this different from seeing with your regular eyes?
2. What kinds of things might blind our hearts from being able to see the presence of God in our everyday lives? Get specific—what might be blinding you right now?

*Resume the video*

*Pause & Discuss (2)*

3. Do you think that most Christians live as if this were true? Do you live as if this were true? Why or why not?

*Resume the video*

#### AFTER THE VIDEO

4. How does this section of Ephesians 1 help us think about elevating any room or situation we’re in?
5. What would it change if the eyes of our hearts were open to see how God is already at work? And what would it change if we could remember that the power that resurrected Christ is available to us?

#### PRAYER TIME

Is there someone that you would like to specifically pray for God to give his spirit and wisdom so that they can know God better? Pray for them now.

#### ACTION STEP

As we are seeking to “elevate the room” by bringing the presence of Christ everywhere we go, look for opportunities to do that wherever you go. We can be confident in the work and faithfulness of God and don’t have to act or speak out of fear, anger, or anxiety. This week, begin each day with a prayer to have the eyes of your heart open to see how God is already at work, and remember that the same power that resurrected Christ lives in you. Remind yourself of these truths throughout the day. Does it change anything about your interactions with others? Report back to your group next week!