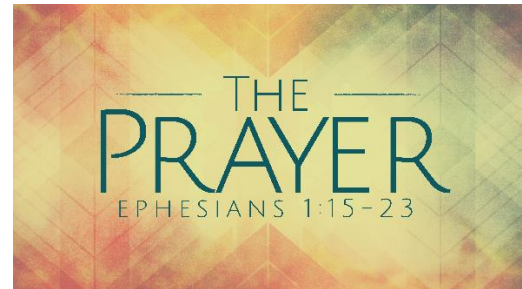


Series: The Prayer

Title: The Eyes of Your Heart

Passage: Ephesians 1:15-23



Read Ephesians 1:15-23

The first part of the sermon Pastor Dwain gave a brief history of how Eastridge was planted. He stated that everyone that is currently at Eastridge was being prayed for 28 years ago by that core group. In a way, each person being an answer to those prayers from when the church started. *What are some ways you have seen God answer your prayers? What are some things you have been praying for a while that you are hopeful He will answer?*

Pastor Dwain mentioned an advertisement he had seen recently that said, “think with your heart”. *What does the world mean with a phrase like that? How is it different to what Paul mentions in vs 18 “that the eyes of your heart would be enlightened”? Why is it significant to note that “enlightened” is in a passive perfect tense?*

The importance of God’s sovereignty (that He rules over all things) was highlighted in the second point: **Eyes to see the Father’s sovereign presence**. For many believers, God’s sovereignty is a source of great comfort and for others it something they wrestle against. *Which is it for you?*

Finally, *close your time in prayer using the final slide as a template:*

Pray that the eyes of our hearts would be opened to...

- **the fact that Jesus has been in our community all along,**
- **the reality that our Father reigns,**
- **the huge hope we have because the Spirit is working in healing and the way forward.**