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18 Oct 26 | **Ephesians Summary** | **Ephesians 6:21-24** | **Nelson Schonfeldt**

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: What's something important that you're surprisingly good at forgetting?

2. Ephesians 1–3 describes us as beneficiaries of God's lavish grace. As you look back over these chapters, what has God done for us that we could never have done for ourselves? Which aspect of His grace most changes the way you think about yourself or about God?

3. Ephesians doesn't picture salvation as simply "Jesus saving me"; God is creating a new people and making us one in Christ. What do we miss about salvation when we treat the Christian life as something between "me and Jesus"? What does Ephesians suggest we need the church for?

4. We've called this series "Walk in Grace." After working through Ephesians 4–6, how would you now explain to someone what it means to "walk in grace"? What is one area of your life where you still need to learn to live out who God has already made you in Christ?

5. "Let our lives be lived to the praise of God's glory because of what He's done." What does a life lived for God's glory actually look like—in our relationships, work, homes and church? Where do you find yourself most tempted to make life about you instead?

6. Thinking back over our journey through Ephesians, what has been one truth, challenge, correction or encouragement that you particularly want to remember and carry forward? Has anything changed in the way you think or live?

7. Years later, Jesus commended the Ephesian church for their hard work, perseverance and commitment to truth—but said they had forsaken their first love (Rev. 2:1–7). How can a Christian—or a whole church—be doing so much right and yet lose their love for Jesus? What will help us continue to love Jesus with the "undying love" Paul speaks of in Ephesians 6:24?