

## SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **May 4, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Ascended to His Throne." Please read the sermon passage (Ephesians 1:15-23) together out loud.

### Small Group Questions (Ephesians 1:15-23)

#### Sermon Outline:

BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST IS SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND IN HEAVEN. . .

1. **We can thank God constantly for true believers (vv 15-16)**
  - a. Thank God for believers who are not yet fully mature.
  - b. Thank God in the midst of situations for where you can see him working.
2. **We can pray for one another (vv 17-23)**
  - a. To know and love God more (right now!) (17)
  - b. To live in a certain hope (right now!) (18a)
  - c. To treasure our true riches in Christ (right now!) (18b)
  - d. To experience God's limitless transforming power (right now!) (19-23)

#### Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: When you see immaturity or "growth areas" in other believers, **how good are you at thanking God for the other areas of their lives where it is evident that God has been working?** If you seem to focus on the negative, why is that? How did God treat you when you were less spiritually mature?
2. Based on #1, above: There is always something to thank God for--even in our darkest moments. Are you grateful to God even before you see complete deliverance from hardships? **How is your gratitude to God evident?**
3. Based on #2, a., above: In what way has your love for God grown and shown in the last year? **What area of your life shows more love for God by obeying him better?**
4. Based on #2, b., above: **How does the guaranteed return of Jesus change how much you try to control? How much you worry? And how you live with confidence?**
5. Based on #2, c., above: If someone looked at your thoughts, your time or your checkbook, would they see how much you treasure God? Is he your "riches"? How?