



The Pilgrim's Progress

Conclusion & Questions

Begin your time together by reflecting on Ephesians 3:14-21.

As you think about the whole book, consider the following questions:

- 1) *The Pilgrim's Progress* begins with Christian leaving the City of Destruction with his fingers in his ears, saying, "Life! Life! Eternal Life!" With this in mind, what do you think about the end of Christian's life?
- 2) We met many characters: Evangelist, Pliable, Mr. Worldly Wiseman, The Interpreter, Hypocrisy, Apollyon, Faithful, Talkative, Lord Hate-Good, Hopeful, Demas, Shepherds, Giant Despair, Ignorance, and many others. A year from now, which characters do you think you'll remember clearly? Why?
- 3) Christian progressed through memorable places:
 - Swamp of Despond
 - House of the Interpreter
 - Hill Difficulty
 - Valley of Humiliation
 - Valley of the Shadow of Death
 - Vanity Fair
 - Doubting Castle, the home of Giant Despair
 - The Delectable Mountains
 - The River of Death
 - The Celestial Cityand many others...

Of these places, which stood out or resonated with you the most? As you think about the next five to seven years of your life, which of these places do you think you or those close to you will encounter? (Spend some time in your group on this question, and let it evolve into a conversation.)

- 4) What were Christian's experiences while on the road the City?
- 5) How is the hope of heaven stirred in you after reading *The Pilgrim's Progress*?

Bonus: What characters or places would you allegorize as keeping you away from the good news that Christ's death alone is enough to save us from our sins?

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
— 2 Corinthians 13:11-14