

# THE ZONE

Week of February 5, 2012

## The Divine Knowledge and Power in Christ

### Ephesians 1:15-23

**Key text:** "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his

This week in church, we heard about the greatest privilege for us as believers: to come to know God. Read from Ephesians 1: 12-23 as a review for you (parent/guardian) and an introduction for your young person. As you read, try to emphasize the fact that there is a God who has revealed himself and has made himself known partially through the *created* world (Psalm 19:1) and ultimately in Christ (Hebrews 1:1-3). Also, there is a glorious future and inheritance awaiting all believers at the Second Coming. But believers do not have to wait until tomorrow to taste the future power of God's kingdom! In the person and saving work of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God has already arrived (Luke 17:20-21). And, in his death, resurrection and "session" (seated at the right hand of the Father), he conquered death itself and all other powers (Ephesians 1:19-23).

To know the power of Christ is to know God! Paul's thanksgiving and prayer is urgently needed in his church today. The knowledge of what God has done and is doing for us in Christ is vital for a correct Christian worldview. Lead your family in a discussion of the following questions, which may open up some more ideas for you to talk about in the days ahead.

1. How well do you *know* God?
2. How many of your friends know God...or how many know something ABOUT God?
3. How does knowing God affect your friendships?
4. What do you say to people that claim God isn't real, He isn't there, or He doesn't care?
5. What are some things you can do to help increase your knowledge (and relationship) with God?