Ephesians: Connecting God's Truth with Our Lives Pastor Mark Wilks

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:1-3 ESV

1. What is so important about Ephesus?

- Ephesus was a <u>port</u> city with a major amount of <u>trade</u>.
- Ephesus was the 4^{th} largest city in the Roman Empire.
- Ephesus was the home to the <u>temple of Artemis</u>.
- Ephesus' theater was a major mode of propaganda for Rome.

2. Who was Paul?

- Paul, originally was a <u>hard core</u> Jew.
- You could only be called an Apostle if you had been called by Jesus.
- Paul was serving by the <u>will of God</u>. In other words, "God <u>chose me</u>!"

3. The gospel in Ephesus. Acts 19

- The <u>black magic</u> of Ephesus it was there to <u>serve them</u>.
- Cosmic consultant god it works for me.
- Jesus is <u>Lord</u> Paul acknowledge Lordship in his life at the start.

Application

Lord, I'm ready to receive your grace, learn your truth and walk your way.