

# Mystic



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ✔ Praying Our Hopes for Each Other

When the group gathers, read Ephesians 1:15-23 and then view the *Bible Background Video*.

Lead a discussion using the following questions:

- When have you seen Christians at their best? Give examples from experience or the news.
- When have you seen Christians at their worst? Give examples from experience or the news.
- When has it been easy for you to follow and obey Christ?
- When has it been difficult for you to follow and obey Christ?

## ✔ Praying Our Hopes for Each Other:

### A Prayer Experience

Invite persons in the group to pray through the text silently four times as you read it slowly.

**Reading 1:** Invite persons to spend a few moments thinking about themselves – at their best and at their worst . . . and then to hear the text as a prayer for them personally.

**Reading 2:** Invite persons to spend a few moments envisioning the brothers and sisters in Christ they are closest to – at their best and at their worst . . . and then to pray the text for these brothers and sisters

**Reading 3:** Invite persons to spend a few moments envisioning the brothers and sisters in Christ they don't know well or don't get along with as well . . . and then to pray the text for these brothers and sisters

**Reading 4:** Invite persons to spend a few moments envisioning the church at large in the world – at her best and at her worst . . . and then to pray the text for the church at large in the world.

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