



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Eph. 1:3-10

Prayer:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Open the Bible. Read Eph. 1:1-10

Have someone read this overview:

Sermon Summary:

God has a mission that he is actively carrying out on earth, to bring the beauty and blessings of heaven to earth. And God wants you and I to join him in carrying out his mission. But so many of us feel unqualified for such an endeavour because of who we know we are in our sinful selves. And that's why Paul writes in Ephesians 1 unveiling our true identity "in Christ." He wants you and I to get really clear about who we really are now that we are believers "in Christ."

"In Christ" God chose us to join him in his mission. "In Christ" we are part of his family. "In Christ" we are forgiven, redeemed! "In Christ" we are perfectly positioned by God to join him in his mission on earth. Paul would simply ask us to acknowledge what God has done for us, and for us to give God the praise that he is due! How will you respond to God?

Discussion:

1. List all the blessings in verses 1 through 10 that have been given to us in Christ.
2. What do you think is the basis for God to chose you?
3. What is the purpose of God's choosing?
4. What is the basis for God to forgive us?
5. What is the purpose of all the blessings that have been given to us in Christ?
6. How should we respond to these blessings?

End with Prayer.

- Pray that we would see who we are in Christ.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.