

Life Group Notes

Sunday 28th April 2024

Speaker: Andy McCullough

Title: Ephesians: In the Beloved (Part 2)

Passage: Ephesians 1:4-14

Grace Past (4-6) – by the Father

God has; chosen us, destined us, adopted us, graced us. These truths need to penetrate beyond the sensational to the ethical. They need to effect the way we live.

Grace Present (7-9) – in the Son

We have redemption, forgiveness and revelation. We live in the reality of these actions. We were slaves to sin, powerless, helpless, and Christ paid the price through his blood shed on the cross! We are brought into the knowledge of his will.

Grace Future (10-14) – Guaranteed by the Spirit

He will bring time to its fulfilment, summarise all things under the authority of Christ, and give his people their eternal inheritance.

For now: Holy Spirit as a pledge – a deposit, downpayment.

Suggested Questions:

1. Why is it important to believe that we have been chosen, destined? What difference does this make in your life?
2. What stops you being able to believe these truths?
3. Talk about forgiveness. What does forgiveness mean to you? Do you struggle with the idea of being forgiven?
4. What do you think of the idea of being freed from slavery to sin?
5. How do you imagine the end of time? Is there anything that makes you hopeful?
6. How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Pray for one another to enjoy the Spirit as a deposit for the future.