

## Small Group Study Guide, Week of August 11

### Ephesians 1:3-14; "God's Plan of Redemption" Tim Cho

**Ice Breaker: If you could design the ultimate gift package, what would you include and why?**

1. Verse 3 says God "has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ". What does Paul mean by Every Spiritual Blessing?
2. When God chose us, what did He seek to accomplish? (v4-10)
3. Paul says we are predestined for adoption to sonship, this is the only place in Scripture that call us "adopted". What is the significance of this? And why are we all adopted as "Sons"? Why not "sons and daughters"?
4. Paul often speaks in his letters about Christians in two tenses: The already and not yet. In verse 7 Paul says "in Him we have redemption through His blood". This is present tense, but in verse 14 Paul speaks of a future redemption "until the redemption of those who are God's possession". What is the difference between these two redemptions? How are we already redeemed, but not yet redeemed?
5. If the Holy Spirit is the down payment to our inheritance, how much greater will our full inheritance be?
6. Notice Paul uses a LOT of financial language here: redemption, down payment, inheritance. What transaction is Paul trying to highlight the most?