

**1. Launchers:**

- How does grace, God is at work, bring peace in the most desperate of circumstances?
- What are your favorite Spiritual Blessings that turn your greatest anxieties into opportunities of the most amazing graces?

**2. Worship: Worship God for His Plan, Power, Mercy and Justice**

Using the first line of our Kingdom Centered Prayer list read the following passage from our Call to worship this past Sunday and worship God the Father for His plans, purposes and intentionality which are displayed through our election and adoption.

Deuteronomy 7:6–11 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup>and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup>You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

**3. Sermon Reflection: Ephesians 1:1-6 Blessed by God the Father**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5** he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**Blessed**

- How do election and adoption demonstrate God’s blessing?

**Broken**

- What do His gifts reveal about His recipients?

**Beloved**

- What kind of people are we called to be?

**4. Kingdom Centered Prayer:**

You can pray with us:

1. Worship God the Father for His plans, purposes and intentionality which are displayed through our election and adoption.
2. In what ways do you see your brokenness on display? Where have you not surrendered and submitted to His Word and His will?
3. Give thanks to God the Father for every spiritual blessing. Ask God to grow you in humility and holiness.
4. Who do you know that feels abandoned and unloved? Who needs to know God’s love? Pray for them and ask God to give you an opportunity to encourage them with God’s heart.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see God’s incredible spiritual blessings. Where are you wrongly putting your hope and identity in physical blessing? Pray that these spiritual blessings would yield grace and peace in your lives!

5. **Mission:** And Jesus said, “How do you read it?” So let’s read Ephesians together.

Fun challenge. Read Ephesians once a week with a friend, a family member, Christian friend, co-worker, and even your enemy. 6 chapters times 4 minutes a chapter = 24 minutes give or take.

So, make a list of folks in your life then pray asking God to make a way and give you the courage to be weird and just plan read the Bible with folks. No commentary. No explanation. Example:

<b><u>Family</u></b>	<b><u>Co-workers</u></b>	<b><u>Friends</u></b>	<b><u>Enemies</u></b>
Tina	David Springer	Joe Naramore	C
Christin	Theresa	Todd Riggs	BM’s friend
John	Tim Rice	Dwight	F and L
Jane	Frank	Tim Cox	NB
	Ashley	Richard	T
	Tucker	Mark Irby	

6. **Jesus From Others**

Close your time together in letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?