

1. Launchers: Inheritance and Net Worth

- How would a child of God calculate His or Her net worth?
- How does being a child of God change your view of inheritance?
- What is the inheritance stored up for the children of God?

2. Worship God using our sermon passage.

- What do you like best about Him?
- What do you enjoy about his character and person?
- What do you love about his gift to you?

Ephesians 1:7–14 (ESV)

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

3. Sermon Reflection: Ephesians 1:7-12 Saved by Christ the Son

WHAT HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN?

- What kind of portrait of God do we gain from this passage?
- What changes for you knowing you are the object of God's lavish generosity in both redemption and forgiveness?

WHAT WE SUSPECT

- How do we respond in our pride and unbelief?
- Read Luke 11:10-14
 - How have you responded to God's gifts of bread and fish as if they were stones and scorpions?

Luke 11:10–14 (ESV) ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Think of difficulties and setbacks that have become blessings to you. Have folks share one or two with the group.

- What stones have turned to bread for you?
- What scorpions have become fish?

BUT GOD'S LOVING SURPRISE

- Where have you received a gift only to see it appreciate even more once you learned of the steps taken by the giver, and their delight in giving it?
- What are things that folks do that you take for granted? How do you treat them?
- How does your heart change to delight and joy as you come to know the steps taken by the giver?
- Describe God's delight in giving. Ask God to make us a radically generous community of friends.

4. Kingdom Centered Prayer:

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD, the God of all power, wisdom, and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for how He graciously works to redeem people like us and claim us as His very own
2. How have you acted as if God is stingy or can't be trusted? Confess your pride and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and save you from your foolish ways.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that we have "redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses." Thank Him for the lengths He was willing to go to save us from sin, death and hell.
4. Who do you know that lives without any settled sense of security or worth? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to this world's emptiness and to the fullness of His Grace and love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for the Spirit's work to anchor you so solidly in your status in Christ that your fears dissipate, and your joy grows more and more.

5. Mission: Read the 6 chapters of Ephesians with a friend, family member, co-worker or enemy.

- If you have not had an opportunity to read Ephesians with anyone read it as a CG.
- What was it like?
- If anyone has done it have them tell what their experience was like.
- Have fun make lists.
- Pray for each other.
- Ask what do I love about God from this chapter and from the whole reading.

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?