

Relate Group Questions
September 8, 2019

Ice Breaker Question:

Whom do you know that has been adopted?

Relate Group Value: Safety – Guarding honest, open relationships with an agreement of safety – that what is said in the group will remain confidential, that opinions will be respected and differences will be allowed.

Sermon Series: To The Church

Sermon Title: Praise God!

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Other Relevant Scriptures: Romans 8:29-30; Exodus 15:13; Hebrews 9:15, 22; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5.

1. When you count your blessings, what do you put at the top of the list? Why?
2. What stands out to you most in these verses?
3. What doctrines or concepts are you unfamiliar with in these verses?
4. According to this text, what are the spiritual blessings that we have in Christ?
5. When did God choose or elect us? What does it mean to be holy and blameless? (v. 4)
6. We are “sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” (v. 13). What does this mean? How is the Holy Spirit a guarantee or a down payment (v. 14)? What assurance does this provide for us?
7. When did you come to appreciate all that God has done for you in Jesus Christ?
8. How do you know if you are “chosen”? How does knowing you are adopted change your view of yourself and God?
9. What was Paul’s response to all the spiritual blessings we enjoy in Jesus Christ (v. 3)? What should our response be to these spiritual blessings (note the repetition of *to the praise of...* in vv. 6, 12, and 14)?

Weekly Check-up:

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

In what ways are you serving in our church?

Are you consistently giving to support the mission of our church?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?