

Awakened to a New Union

Awakening Series

Discussion Questions

- Share about a time you experienced rejection. How did you react? Did you experience guilt or regret, or did you feel like you had been wasting time?
- Would you describe yourself as a “prove you belong” person or a “I’m not going to bother trying” person when it comes to experiencing a deep relationship with God?
- Read Ephesians 1:3-14. Why does Paul repeat the phrase in Christ, or, in him, or in the Beloved ten times in these verses?
- Do you struggle with the idea that God chooses and predestines? How does it help to understand that these are God’s blessing to us in Christ?
- Read verses 7-10 again. Explain how the Jesus’ blood is the critical ingredient in God’s “will, purpose, and plan” to unite us to himself.
- Read Ephesians 1:13-14. Why do you think so many people “believe” in God but are distant from him, or unchanged by his love and power? How is this kind of “belief” different than what Paul is describing?
- Would you say your life is invested in receiving God’s blessing in Christ, or would you say you invest yourself seeking blessing outside of Christ? What is the difference?
- What specific things would change in your life if you “got out of yourself and into Christ”? What does it mean to be in Christ?
- Close by rereading Ephesians 1:3-14 and listing the specific blessings we are given in Christ.