

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Christians are different. We see things differently, We hope for things differently, and we endure opposition differently. We live differently from the ways of the world in order to bring change to the people of the world. We are chosen by God to be set apart.

### You are Chosen by God to be Set Apart

**Ecclesiastes 9:4 (NIV)**

#### 3 Reasons Why it is Better to be a Live Dog than a Dead Lion:

(Why we have hope no matter our circumstances)

1. God specializes in “Tough Cases”
2. God specializes in the “Turn around”
3. God is writing a “Page Turner”

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

**1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week’s message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Ecclesiastes 9:4. If you read this verse to your friend, and they asked what it meant, what would you tell them?
- 3) Can you relate to the *3 Reasons Why it is Better to be a Live Dog than a Dead Lion*? Which of the 3 relates to you the most? Explain.
- 4) Read Jeremiah 29:11. Do you truly believe that this verse is true of your life as well? Explain.
- 5) Read 1 Peter 1:3. How has this sermon impacted your understanding of hope? What will you do different as a result?