

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: The Summation Of All Things – Grant Braaten

7 September 2025

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:8-10

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

As we continue our sermon series, Grant continually reminds us that as we move through the book of Ephesians, we are looking at it through the lens of Redemption. This week we look at the truth of who Jesus is and that He is the summation of everything. Through Jesus, all things will be set right. Let's discover more in Grant's message this week, **The Summation Of All Things**.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to live your life full of the grace of God which has redeemed you from the guilt of sin, the wrath of God, your old way of life, and the curse of the Law. You were asked to bask in that knowledge and understanding that God has done it all. How did this truth impact your life this week?

2. What is something that really stood out to you from Grant's message this week?

3. 43% of evangelical Christians believe Jesus was a good moral teacher, but He was not God. (This number was 30% in 2020 and rose to 43% in 2022). What do you think caused this rapid change? Why does it make a difference if Jesus is just recognized as a good moral teacher? Where do you find yourself in this line of thought?

4. If we preach a "different" gospel, no grace is released. What gospel are we to preach or share with others? How do you explain that gospel? What does it mean that no grace is released if we share a "different" gospel?

5. Jesus stepped into time at just the right moment. The fullness of time. (Galatians 4:4-5) At the fullness of time, Jesus came in the flesh. At the fullness of "times" everything is set right (Ephesians 1:10). What are

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. If you could only see the world in one color (or shades of that color) what color would you choose?

2. Are you a pumpkin spice latte kind of person, or not?

3. What is one of your favorite Fall activities?

these two different times? How are we supposed to live in the tension between these two times? What does it mean for us?

6. The summation of all things is to bring everything back under the head. Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22). The church has already been brought under the headship of Christ. The church is an example of how things will be (how they should be now).

- a) We are under His authority.
- b) We recognize Him as the creator. He is the origin, the source of everything.
- c) The head brings unity.

How should the church give us a glimpse of what things will be like in the end?

### **APPLICATION**

Take some time this week and think about how we can help the church become what the church was created to be. Are there areas in your life where you can, and should be, better as a member of the church? Do your thoughts, words, and actions bring unity in the church and among believers? Let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

**Heart of the House.** September 23 and 30, 6:30-8:30pm. 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. Dinner is provided on both nights and childcare is available for children 3 months to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration deadline is 16 September. Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+jfq6kch>

**The Call – Men’s Retreat.** 3-4 October. Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. Join us for two powerful days of spiritual growth, worship, brotherhood, and unforgettable fun — all centered on being Rooted in Christ. The guest speaker is renowned author, Bob Sorge. Registration ends 14 September. Register at: <https://nwckc.com/men?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LytjeDcyNnd6L3JlZ2lzdGVyP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmbZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2Vu dFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJidngycHNj>

**Haiti Joy Hope Silent Auction.** 1:30-4:00pm, 5 October. Liberty Community Center, 1600 S Withers Rd Liberty, MO 64068. Come bid on amazing items from local retail and services, gift cards, and so much more! ALL proceeds go to caring for vulnerable kids in Haiti - supporting a School, Feeding Programs, and a Children's Home!

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**The world was created through Him and will be set right through Him.**