

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: Out Of What? – Grant Braaten
31 August 2025
Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:7

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 reminded us that as we move through the book of Ephesians, we are looking at it through the lens of Redemption. To fully understand redemption, we need to understand exactly what we were brought out of. What are we redeemed from? In his sermon entitled **Out of What**, Grant explains that until we understand the gravity of the situation we are in, we can never truly understand grace. Let's get going and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to take some time and just reflect on and experience God's grace. Were you able to do that? Share with your group.

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

3. One of the things we have been redeemed from (brought out of) is the Guilt Of Sin. Take a few moments and read Isaiah 53. What are some things you take away from this passage? What parallels do you see about Jesus from what Isaiah is writing? (Remember Isaiah is writing these things about 800 years before the birth of Jesus).

How are we redeemed from the guilt of sin?

4. What is the New Covenant? How does Jesus fulfill the New Covenant?

5. We have also been redeemed from the wrath of God. The idea that a God of love is also a God of wrath seem to be at odds with each other and is not a very popular sermon topic. Why is it important for us to

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. "When I grow up, I want to be ...?"
2. For you, what signals summer has ended?
3. If you were a Star Wars character, who would you be?

understand the wrath of God and how that is perfectly inline with who God is? How do we answer someone who says the God of the Old Testament is a god of wrath, but the God of the New Testament is a god of love?

Wrath is not the opposite of love. Indifference is the opposite of love. What would it say about God if He was indifferent? How would that affect our relationship with Him?

6. What does it mean for us to be redeemed from our old way of life? (1 Peter 1:17-21)

7. How have we been redeemed from the curse of the Law? (Gal 3:10-13)

APPLICATION

We are two weeks into our series in Galatians and we've yet to do anything. God has done it all. This week 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. God has done it all. Our job is to live in the freedom released by God's grace for those in Christ Jesus. Let the impact of that truth rest with you this week.

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.

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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

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