

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: The Now And Not Yet Of Redemption – Grant Braaten

5 October 2025

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:14

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

This week we continue our sermon series in Ephesians. In his message this week entitled, The Now And Not Yet Of Redemption, Grant explores how we have been saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved. In this message we discover the amazing guarantee we have in Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a foretaste of heaven – a brief, but powerful experience of the nearness, peace, and love of God. How is all this possible? Let's dive in and find out.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked how you were doing in submitting yourself to God's will. Did the Holy Spirit show you areas where maybe you still trying to hold on and do things your own way, under your own power?
2. What stood out to you most from this message, and why?
3. The Greek word *arrabōn* (pledge/down payment) was explained as something of value given to guarantee fulfillment. How does this deepen your confidence in God's promises? Why do you think God gives us the Holy Spirit as a pledge if He never breaks His word anyway? Can you recall a time when you felt the Holy Spirit's assurance or nearness — a "foretaste" of eternity?
4. Romans 8:23 speaks of the redemption of our bodies. How does the promise of a redeemed, glorified body encourage you in your current struggles or pain? Why is it significant that our eternal existence will be embodied — not just spiritual?
5. "You have been redeemed, you are being redeemed, and you will be redeemed." How do you see these three stages of redemption playing out in your life?

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. What is your favorite Autumn desert?
2. If you had to eat the same food every day for a month, what would it be?
3. What is the number one thing on your bucket list?

6. In what ways can the church be a “foretaste of heaven” to those who gather?

APPLICATION

Take some time this week and reflect on the idea that you have been saved, you are being saved, and you will be saved. What does this mean to you? How should this impact the way you live your life?

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.

Child Dedications. 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

Register at: [https://nwckc.com/child-](https://nwckc.com/child-dedications?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LyszN2t6cHd0L3JlZ2lzdGVyP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJlZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkI3dmt2ZGo2)

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All Church Picnic. 1:00 – 4:00 pm, 12 October. Oak Grove Park, 800 NE 76th St, Kansas City, MO (just around the corner from Oak Park High School). Lunch will be provided. Bring a chair. Bring a game. Come hang out with your New Wine Church family. Get to know someone new. Bring a friend!

FINAL THOUGHT

We have been signed, sealed, and delivered.