

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Live in Unity.*

With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. — Ephesians 1:7b-10

The book of Ephesians opens with a greeting and a doxology (a liturgical form of praise). A good portion of the letter is worship and prayer. Some believe the author, Paul prays through the first three chapters. What would give Paul a heart for worship and prayer? His identity in Christ, and God's love in his life. Paul was in Christ and he was living a life of love.

Paul teaches the church about who we are, who God is, and what we are to do. Study this letter to discover the power given to you by God to become who we were created to be.

Discussion

1. What role does identity play in how people live their lives?
2. Read Ephesians 1:1-10. What does it mean to be in Christ?
3. Paul says we receive every spiritual blessing in Christ? Name some of those blessings and their significance for living a faithful life.
4. How is election relational and not arbitrary (verse 5)? What does this teach us about God wanting to draw humanity to himself?
5. How is election another way to talk about God's grace and salvation? What can this teach us about the purposefulness of salvation?
6. Some believe that verse 10 is the key verse in the book of Ephesians. How is God's choosing and election not a privilege but a responsibility? How does the gospel unite all things in heaven and people on earth under Christ? How is living a life of love living a life of unity?

Application

7. Prayer and worship are expressing our love to God. It is like we are telling God all the things that we know and appreciate about him. God has chosen you to be in Christ. Spend time worshipping him and thanking him for his grace and salvation and every spiritual blessing that comes with it.