

## ***Live Chosen***

### ***Eph. 1:1-6***

#### **SERMON SUMMARY:**

This week is the start of a new sermon series on the book of Ephesians where we will ask an important question, “why are we here this morning?” Christians will often do the things we know we should do, but rarely will we discover the purpose behind them. In our passage today, the Apostle Paul begins his letter with who God is and what he has done. By studying these two things, we will discover the “why” behind our christian life.

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

##### **The Assumption**

For many years, the church has assumed the “why” and has focused on the “whats.”

##### **What Is A Disciple?**

A disciple is one who is joined with Christ in his beliefs, character, and mission.

##### **What God Has Done**

The first blessing of God: his choice of us.

How God’s election works is less important than the fact that he chooses.

##### **The Answer**

Why are we here? Because we are chosen sons and daughters of God.

##### **Two Applications**

Living chosen is the remedy for “auditioning” and shame.

Living chosen motivates growing as a disciple of Jesus.

#### **THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:**

- Why is it important to have a clear definition of being a disciple of Jesus?
- How would you have defined being a disciple of Jesus before?
- Is it comforting to know that God chose you? That you are worthy and accepted because of His choice and not because of what you have done.
- Have there been times where you have felt like you needed to audition before God in order to be accepted?
- What is one area that you can grow in as a disciple this week:
  - Beliefs
  - Character
  - Mission