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Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 niv

SUMMARY

Eric Diccio taught through Ephesians 1:3-14 in a message entitled "Every Spiritual Blessing". The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian church emphasizing that the 'unseen' spiritual blessings in their lives were, in fact, the greatest blessings they would ever receive. Eric helped identify four of these blessings in his teaching this weekend.

1. You are chosen. Because God chose me, I do not have to earn His love (Vs. 4-6)

- What do you consider when pondering the fact that God chose you?
- When it says 'He chose us before the foundation of the world', why is that significant?
- Why do we tend to perform for God? How have you found yourself caught up in performance-based religion, i.e. "doing all the right things"?

2. Your sins are forgiven. Because God forgave my sins, I am not defined by them.

- According to the text in verses 7-10, why did God choose to forgive us?
- Do you define your life at times by what you've done wrong rather than by His grace?
- Why is there no room for us to have shame in Christ?
- Because of past sin, how have you mistaken consequence as condemnation in your life?

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3. You are an heir to an inheritance. Because God has given me an inheritance, I can look forward to life after death. (Vs. 11-12)

- Why is death such a taboo subject in our culture?
- According to John 14:1-3, what was Jesus's take on life after death?
- Do you lack joy/peace? Are you focused on earthly possessions? (Bowflex weights)
- How does our eternal inheritance help us through difficult seasons of life?

4. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit. Because God has sealed me with the Holy Spirit, I am confident my future is secure. (Vs. 13-14)

- If we are His possession, how should that affect our perspective on life?
- How do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life these days?

PRAYER

Pray that you'll be able to accept His love and forgiveness...without strings!



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