

Jan 12, 2025 – Small Group Questions

Ephesians 1:1-14 “In Christ”

The letter to the Ephesians was likely a circular letter sent around to the churches of Asia minor. In a sense then we could say that this letter is to every church at every time in every place inviting us to live into the fullness of what it is to be the Church, to be a kingdom people.

Read Ephesians 1:1-14

1. What are the most common phrases Paul uses in the opening of his letter? What does this tell us about what is central to Paul’s vision for the church?
2. Vs. 3-14 is one long sentence in Greek – 202 words without a pause or punctuation – what state is Paul in as he writes this that he is seeking to bring his readers into?
3. (vs. 3-14) Name as many of the blessings that come to us “in Christ”. What do each mean? Which one most stands out to you and why? Which one would you like to apprehend more fully and why?
4. From the text what do you think God’s primary purpose is for his people? What role should the church have in the world? (See verses 5-6; 12, 14)
5. What is God’s ultimate goal? (vs. 10) (See also Philippians 2:9-11, and Colossians 1:19-20)
5. In the bible the word hope (vs. 12) means to have certainty about something. Paul is saying we can have certainty about the inheritance we have – the future we have because of Jesus’ work. Paul tells us that we can be certain that God will unite all things in Jesus resulting in new creation. Think through the implications of that together – how will it impact our lives here and now to know for certain what our ultimate future is in Christ?