

THE CHURCH

Ephesians 1:3-14

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHERE YOU GET THESE BLESSINGS
2. WHAT THESE BLESSINGS ARE
3. HOW YOU KNOW IF YOU ACTUALLY HAVE THEM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week we started a new series where we are looking at the book of Ephesians to see what it really means to be part of the church. How do you view the church? What are some positives? What are some negatives? What are some questions you have about the church?
3. So many of our problems as the church come from forgetting who we are because a wrong understanding of who you are can derail your life. How well would you say you understand yourself? Where do you look to find out who you are?
4. In Ephesians 1 we see that when we are "in Christ" we have every spiritual blessing. We are united with Jesus in two ways: We are united in His death, meaning that we are free from the penalty of God's law. We are also united in His resurrection, meaning that we are free from trying to prove ourselves. Which of these two truths are harder for you to understand and live in?
5. Are the blessing that you have in Jesus real to you right now or do they seem more like something you know with your head but are not experiencing? What might it look like for you to continue to praise God even though you don't currently feel like it?
6. One of the blessings that we spent time on this week is the idea of adoption/sonship. What are some implications of having this sort of relationship with God?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: The moment you are united with Jesus you have every single spiritual blessing.