

THE PLAN

Ephesians 1:9-12

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THERE IS A PLAN FOR HISTORY
2. EVERYTHING IN HISTORY IS A PART OF THE PLAN
3. JESUS IS THE POINT OF THE PLAN

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. In Ephesians 1:9-12 we see that there is a plan for all of history. What is your initial response to this idea?
3. People typically think that either everything is predetermined, and we have no control over how our lives go, OR that our actions control everything about how our lives go. How does the Bible challenge both of these ideas (see Eph. 1:4 & Eph 4:1)?
4. What questions come to your mind when you think about the fact that everything in history is a part of God's plan?
5. Everything in this world is falling apart. However, in Eph. 1:9-10 we see that everything will be brought together in Jesus. What do you think it was like for the Ephesian church to hear this for the first time. How does it impact you when you consider the way that Jesus is going to repair all things?
6. The church should be a community who shows the world how the story ends. When the world looks at the church, our marriages, our families, our generosity, our work, etc. they should see the transformation power of Jesus on display. What are some specific examples of ways we should be different? How do we become the type of people who look like this?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: All the storylines of history find their perfect resolution in Jesus.