

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“The God Who Loves and Adopts Us”

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Read Ephesians 1:1-12

The Book of Ephesians

-It is actually a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in the city of Ephesus

-The letter is called an epistle—practical commentary on life with Jesus—discipleship

-Paul wrote the letter around 61 A.D. from Rome where he was under house arrest awaiting his trial

-Ephesus was one of the major 5 cities in the Roman Empire at that time along with Alexandria, Antioch, Corinth and Rome. [highly pagan city]

-Most active church mentioned in the book of Acts (ch. 19) outside of Jerusalem [young, hard-pressed, but extremely important church plant]

Getting Started:

1. Was there anything in the sermon that personally spoke to you or was challenging for you to hear? Explain why.

Discussion Questions:

2. Who are you? Where does your identity come from? Read through the rest of Chapter 1. Mark all of the words and/or phrases used to describe you as follower of Christ.
3. What did we do to obtain this?
4. Verse 5 reads, “God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.” What is your reaction to this verse?
5. How does it describe the nature of our relationship with God? How does it begin to describe what the family of God is like?
6. How could life be different if we fully understood that God loves us and there is no possibility of rejection?
7. Is it possible that if we are truly Christ-like we should have this adopting kind of love for other people? Adopting a child is one way to do this, what are other ways to live this out?

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