

INTO LIFE

study guide

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Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-14

Series: Marked



What does it mean to be Christian? What is at the core of who a Christian is? What does that look like lived out? What does it mean to be marked? Join us as we explore some of these foundational questions from the Christian life.

Ephesians Overview:

Author and Date: Ephesians was written by the apostle Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 61.

First readers and their location:

Ephesians was written to a very cosmopolitan setting with many different ethnicities, cultures, and social standings. It was most likely sent to a group of cities surrounding the city of Ephesus. Ephesus was a major centre with a population estimated to be 600,000. It was also a major port city. Along with this economic and political standing it was also home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Diana or Artemis. It was well known to be a very immoral city.



Why was it written?: Paul wrote this book to expand on teachings regarding, identity in Christ, Living for Christ, Unity in Christ, and the purpose and place of the church in God's Kingdom.

Open-up

Growing up, do you have a memory of being chosen for something? What was it? How did you feel being chosen? Conversely, do you have a memory when you were overlooked or chosen last? What happened? How did it make you feel?



Into the Bible

Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...) Ask the question, "What does it say?" (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

What are the past, present and future ideas presented in 1:1-10?

What does 1:11-14 say about who we are in Christ?

What does this passage reveal about God, Jesus, humanity and followers of Jesus?



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

What do you think adoption means in this passage?

How would you define grace?

What does your identity in Christ mean to you? What promises can you claim hold of?

How would your life look if you brought him praise? What step can you take to bring him praise?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World

Ask, “what does this look like in my day to day life?”

How would you be different in your work place/school/life if you lived out of who Christ says you are?

How will your identity in Christ change the way you relate to the people around you who need Jesus?

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1304>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

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By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings
to celebrate and
learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that
go deeper in relation-
ships with each other
and God



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Serving in the church
and community to
present Jesus to the
world