

OUR IDENTITY

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Our Identity– Ephesians 1:11-23 – September 11, 2022

Helpful Resources

Check out one of these helpful resources:

- 1) *Gospel Identity* – Brody Jespersen - <https://bit.ly/3Rm1wdV>
- 2) *Ephesians for You* – Richard Coekin - <https://amzn.to/3AB4699>
- 3) *The Book of Ephesians* – J.D. Greear - <https://bit.ly/3PYTc2x>

Allow God to speak to you through His written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connections and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW:

- What was something you hoped for a long time that eventually came true?
- What are you hoping for right now? Something big? Small? Important? Silly?
- Have you ever been unable to breathe or catch your breath? How did your view of breathing change after that experience?
- What do you thank God for on a daily basis? Why is that something you are thankful for?
- How is Jesus central in history? In what ways does history look different if Jesus is not central?



GROW:

- Read verse 11. Why is it important for Christians to reflect on the truth that God works all things out according to His will?
- Explain the importance of “when you believed” in verse 13, in light of the context of verses 3-14.
- Read verses 15-16. How does our faith in Jesus bring encouragement to others? How have other's faith brought encouragement to you?
- In verses 17-19, why do you think Paul prays first for the spirit of wisdom, revelation, and knowledge in Jesus?
- According to this passage, how do we know God better? How does the Holy Spirit make knowing Him more possible?
- How does the 'dark mirror' image in 1 Corinthians 13 fit with the 'enlightened eyes' in Ephesians 1:18?
- What do verses 20-21 claim about who Jesus is? Why is that important?
- Are there times when you don't feel loved by God? Why or why not? How does this passage speak to God's love for us?



SHOW:

- How does this passage give us hope?
- How does Jesus practically fill the void we have in our lives? How does His peace and contentment minister or help us?
- How can Christians keep under the lordship of Jesus in everyday life? What does that look like?
- Who is someone you know who might be losing hope? What could you do or say that might encourage them to open their eyes to God's love and power?
- Imagine that Paul's prayer was answered in your life. What might that look like in your life?