



SERMON PREP GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

READING GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1: 7–10

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. We have already encountered the phrase, “in Christ,” numerous times in just a few verses. How is this simple phrase packed with meaning?
2. What two things does Paul list that we have been given in Him, the Beloved?
3. How are redemption and forgiveness related and how do they differ?
4. What is the mystery of God's will that He has made known to us?
5. How does Christ's work on the cross unite all things, in heaven and on earth?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. What is so foundational about being “in Christ?” How is it the very core of our identity as Christians?
2. When did you realize that redemption is offered through the shed blood of Jesus Christ? Take a moment to share your story of God's redeeming work in your life.
3. How is being a redeemed community on mission different than a mere social club?
4. What are some struggles of living in the “already, but not yet” of all things being united in Him?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- » Lift up those that you know who have yet to believe and trust in Christ and the redemption that is offered through His shed blood on the cross.
- » Ask God that He would forgive you of your trespasses. Pray asking Him to daily remind you of the immense cost of that forgiveness. Praise Him for the riches of His grace!
- » Pray that we would be mobilized, as the redeemed, to care for one another and live in unity.
- » Give glory to God for making known to us the mystery of His will that all things would be united in Christ!