

Roots Small groups - January 21, 2022

Title: Believe - Week 2 - Believe you have been chosen by God according to His pleasure and perfect will.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-10

Main points:

1. Believe that you have been chosen by God the Father—even before the foundation of the world.
2. Believe that Christ has lavished His grace on us.
3. Believe this has always been God's plan.

Icebreaker:

- (1) If you could replay a fun (or deep or big) moment/experience in your life, what would you choose?

Discussion questions:

- (2) (a) What does it mean to be chosen and predestined by God?
(b) Are there any ways you feel uneasy about God choosing & predestining you/others?
(c) Why does it matter that a saint lives believing this?
- (3) Describe a time/experience where you have forgotten who you are in Christ and/or what you have received in Christ.
- (4) In Revelation 2:1-7, the church of Ephesus was praised by Jesus for their discipline and work and teaching for His gospel. Yet Jesus rebukes them for not having fervent love for Jesus. How does a believer lose fervent love for Christ? Can you relate? How do you keep fervent love for Christ?
- (5) Share any struggles from the week & prayer requests (for yourself? For others?)
- (6) Devotional accountability - what can we do this week to grow in love with Jesus? Bible plan? Prayer support?