

## Sermon Questions: Blessing Grace Date: April 25, 2021 / Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

- Read Ephesians 1:3-14. As you read, make a list of everything that God does according to this passage. Share as a group and pray before digging into the rest of these questions - praise God for who he is and what he's done!
- One truth of this passage is that God has chosen you. Specifically, you are chosen as a son or daughter. Think through different areas of your life – family, work, faith, etc. How does the truth of adoption inform those areas?
- 3. God has redeemed you. As you fully grasp the scope of this redemption and forgiveness, what impact does it have on your relationship with God? On your relationship with others?
- God has a future for you. Reflect together on common causes of hopelessness (either generally or in your own life). How does this guarantee of a future give you hope?
- 5. Read verses 13 and 14 again. What do these verses teach about the Holy Spirit? What is your relationship with the Spirit like?
- 6. How does the passage empower you to bless others? How do you take this passage and turn from inwardly accepting these truths to outwardly proclaiming and sharing them?

## Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

1. God has chosen you. God has redeemed you. God has a future for you. Which of these three truths is most difficult for you to believe? Why? Pray for one another using the words of Ephesians 1:3-14.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Ephesians 1
- Colossians 1
- <u>Psalm 100</u>
- John 16:5-15
- <u>Romans 8</u>
- <u>1 Peter 2:1-12</u>

*Listen* to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

*Reach out* if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our website: capitalpres.org.