

Small Group Discussion Questions

September 4-10, 2022

Life with a Capital L ♦ “3 Life-Giving Words” ♦ Ephesians 1:3-4

1. Have those in your group, who have used eBay, describe the most unusual thing they have purchased, and the most important thing they have purchased on that website. If they had to do it all over again, would they have paid the same amount? Why or why not?

2. Ephesians 1:3 mentions that God has blessed us with *“every spiritual blessing in Christ”*. So other than physical blessings, which we have so much of here in our country, what blessings are you most grateful for that make you want to *“...give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”*?

3. Have someone in your group read aloud over Genesis 3:14-19 as everyone else listens carefully. Then answer this question: after Adam and Eve sinned, what did God curse? How do we live with those curses even today?

What events in your life have tempted you to wonder if you were not cursed by God? Or, to put it another way, has there been a time in your life when it was hard to believe that *“God is for me.”* (ie. Psalm 118:6-7; 56:9), that God loves me or cares for me?

4. John 8:44 tells us that the devil, *“...has no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”* What event or experience have you had in life where Satan used it to lie to you that you were not chosen...not wanted...not valued, and you’re totally out there on your own?

5. Near the end of the sermon, the pastor made the statement, *“I’ve been chosen, not because of what I am, but for what I can become.”*

- How is that different from every other human relationship?
- How does that change my thinking about my relationship with the Lord?
- What difference does that make when I sin?
- How does that affect the way I treat others in the body of Christ?

6. Have someone read aloud Isaiah 43:1-5a (as the group follows along in their bible) and every time the word “you” or “your” is used have everyone say their name instead. Once you’re done, how should that change your belief system and perspective of your relationship with the Lord?