

Community Group Discussion Questions

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“Our Radical Definition” Ephesians 1:11+12

1. Re-read Ephesians 1:3-12. We’ve examined 5 aspects (cards) of Life with a Capital L. Because we are in Christ we have been personally chosen...lovingly adopted...graciously rescued...wisely informed...delightfully valued. Which of these 5 has meant the most to you so far? Why?

2. Have several people in your group read aloud 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 and then 1 Peter 2:9-12. Both of these passages describe the followers of Jesus as being God’s special possession, His people. Look carefully at these two passages; in what *ways* will our special status impact our behavior? *Why* should it impact our behavior?

3. Evaluate this quote of Sheldon Vanauken, *“The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians--when they are somber and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths.”*

How does this relate to Ephesians 1:12?

4. Why is it hard to live in the daily awareness that I am treasured, delighted in, and valued? What lies, accusations or deceptions has Satan tried to use to keep you from realizing how treasured you are in God’s eyes?

EXTRA CREDIT: The pastor led us in an imaginative scenario of meeting our heavenly Father. Share with your small group the facial expression you saw on God’s face. What do you think that says about where your heart is right now?