

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 5, 2010 "Paul's Greeting to the Ephesians" Ephesians 1:1-2

Observing the text

What can you learn about Paul and the Ephesians from this greeting? Write down as many observations as possible.

Compare differences and similarities between this greeting and Paul's greetings to other churches or pastors in the following passages: Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:1; 2 Timothy 1:1 and Titus 1:1. What is significant about what you found?

The leading characteristic of the saints who are in Ephesus is that they are faithful (v. 1). What are areas of your life in which you are called to demonstrate faithfulness?

What is the relationship between "grace" and "peace" in the Scriptures (Romans 5:1-2)?

Applying the sermon

What does it mean to be chosen "by the will of God" according to Ephesians 1:1, 5, 9, 11 and Romans 9:14-18? What sources of comfort may we draw from this truth?

What does a faithful church look like? In what ways do you contribute to the church? Are things the way they should be in your serving?

Do you believe that "grace" is the gospel in one word? How can you interact with the gospel of grace more often?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What do these verses teach us about grace in Christ Jesus? Meditate on all that God has done for you in Christ.