

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from January 2, 2011 “The Father’s Selection” Ephesians 1:4-6

Observing the text

How does God choose believers?

The world often says that it isn’t fair that God would choose one person and not the other. What is your response to this? What prerogatives does God have? How can the basic truths of the gospel help answer this complaint?

What is Paul’s attitude for God electing believers to salvation in Ephesians 1:3-6 (vv. 3, 6)? What is David’s attitude in Psalm 139:13-14?

How should you feel if you are chosen by God (1 Peter 2:9-10)? Pray that you would enjoy this blessing more fully in this week.

Applying the sermon

Since you have been chosen by God, how has your joy and confidence been impacted?

How does the doctrine of election, as spelled out in Ephesians 1:4-6, affect preaching the Word, evangelizing the lost, and prayer?

We have been predestined as sons and daughters of God. Read Galatians 4:1-7. What privileges do we now have from our heavenly Father (cf. Matthew 6:9; 7:11; 1 John 3:1; Psalm 103:13-14)?

How is God’s grace glorious to you? Spend some time in private prayer recounting God’s glorious grace in the Beloved and expressing your gratitude to Him.