

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 25, 2011 Chosen as God's Portion Ephesians 1:11-12

Observing the text

How does Deuteronomy 7:6-7 help us to understand Ephesians 1:11 (see also 1 Peter 2:9-10)?

Compare Ephesians 1:5 with 1:11 and identify which verse seems to focus more on the "who" rather than the "what" of predestination. How do you come to this conclusion?

According to Ephesians 1:11, why are we chosen as God's portion?

Who are the "we" referring to in verse 12 (cf. Ephesians 1:5, 8)?

What blessing(s) in verses 11 and 12 are given to us so that we might be inspired to praise God? How can you rekindle your worship of God today?

Applying the sermon

Compare Ephesians 1:11 with Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:20; 7:6-8; 9:26; 14:2; and 32:9. Why might Paul consider the church claimed by God as His portion?

How should the doctrine of predestination comfort us, encourage us to evangelize, and inspire us to praise God?

How does God's providence give us a proper view of God in every day life? Where does your thinking need to change in certain areas of life?

Does your study of the great story of redemption in Scripture cause you to praise God for His glorious grace? Take some time to contemplate the depth of the gospel by listing the ways you are blessed in Christ, and thank Him for all He has done.