

5. What do you think God means when He says, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy” (Romans 9:15)?

In what ways does God choose?

Does His choice mean that ours is meaningless? Why or why not?

6. What is the significance of being adopted in the family of God?

7. Take time in your group to give thanks for all the blessings listed in Ephesians 1:3-14.

I. B. 1. spiritual. 2. numerous. 3. in the heavenlies. 4. in Christ.  
I. C. 1. in Him, before time, holy.  
I. C. 1. b. seed, servants, salvation.



## Week 2: OUR FATHER'S LOVE

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I. The Blessings of Our Heavenly Father.

A. The source of our blessings.

B. The nature of His blessings (Ephesians 1:3)

1. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

3. They are “\_\_\_\_\_.”

4. They are “\_\_\_\_\_.”

C. The foundation of His blessings (Ephesians 1:4-5).

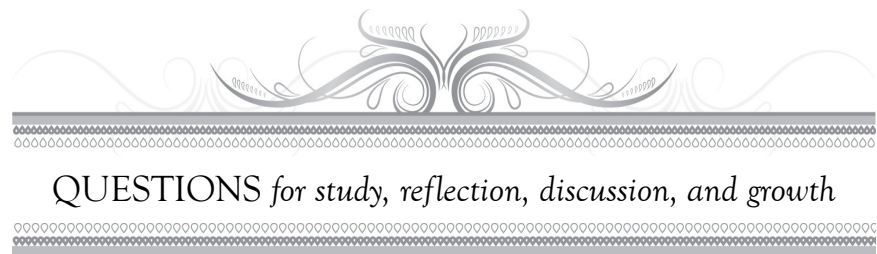
1. We are chosen \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Why me?

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- He loves you.
- You are made in His image.



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

- b. God's choosing has many facets.
    - There is a choosing of the \_\_\_\_\_ through which salvation will come.
    - There is a choosing of the \_\_\_\_\_ by which salvation will be advanced.
    - There is a choosing for \_\_\_\_\_ itself.
  - c. God's choosing cannot be fully understood.
    - Did He know?
    - Do we choose?
    - Does our choice matter?
    - Salvation belongs to the Lord.
2. We are predestined to adoption.
- a. Only one natural-born child!
  - b. The blessing of a destiny in the family of God.

II. Our Response to God's Blessings (Ephesians 1:6).

- A. Praise for His grace.
- B. Recognition of His Son.

Notes:

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-6.
2. How do we know that it is God's intention to bless?
 

If you've ever questioned whether or not God desired to bless you, what was the basis or reason for your doubts?
3. How does understanding the nature of God's blessings help you see more clearly how blessed you are?
4. What was God's purpose in choosing you?

Explain how you can be of such worth and at the same time undeserving of salvation.