

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 1:11-14

Extra Notes:

In the first 3 weeks we have discussed election from the Father, redemption through the Son and *inheritance* by the Holy Spirit.

1) Spiritual Inheritance: The eternal promise to those who are in Christ. (Eph. 1:11)

- How would you define inheritance? How does your personal definition match up with Eph. 1:11-14 and 1 Pet. 1:3-4?
- Paul says, “*in*” Him. Different than “*from*” Him. What do you think it means that our spiritual inheritance is in Christ opposed to something left behind from Him?

2) Spiritual Inheritance: The culmination of God’s salvation plan. (Eph. 1:11)

- Predestination upholds God’s sovereignty. What does it mean when we say, “God is sovereign” and how does our understanding guide our lives? (See 1Tim. 6:12-16)
- How does understanding God’s sovereign plan produce confidence in our lives? (See Col. 4:5-6)
- How is our spiritual inheritance the culmination of God’s plan? What might that look like? (See 1 Cor. 13:9-10)

3) Spiritual Inheritance: The Holy Spirit is the proof of God’s promise. (Eph. 1:12-14)

- The proof of earthly inheritance is tangible: a will. In Christ one receives the proof of inheritance: How does the Holy Spirit assure our inheritance? (See John 14:26)
- Look at Eph. 1:12-14. Identify and discuss the 4-steps of salvation.
 - Hear: _____
 - Believe: _____
 - Sealed: _____
 - Guarantee: _____