

REDEEMED!

Ephesians 1:7

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- On Sunday morning, Pastor Pat said, “When it comes to salvation, The Father Selects, The Son Saves, and The Spirit Seals.” The whole Trinity is involved in salvation!
 - How might you explain the trinity to a neighbor, a coworker, or a family member?
 - What are some illustrations that might help understand the way the trinity interacts together?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat unwrapped three more extraordinary gifts available to those who are in Christ.**

Three gifts given to those who are in Christ:

1. In Christ, you are **REDEEMED** (Ephesians 1:7)

- The word “redeemed” is a rich theological term. In New Testament times, slaves were bought and released from their chains in the city marketplace. As a group, talk about some of the ways that God has redeemed you (set you free) from your slavery to sin.
- Why do you think Christ-followers sometimes revert back to living in the same sin that we’ve been redeemed out of? Why do we put the “collar of slavery” back on? Are you ever tempted to fall back into those same sinful habits?
- This week, how will you live as a freed slave, bought by God Himself?

2. In Christ, you are **FORGIVEN** (Ephesians 1:7)

- The Biblical word picture of “forgiveness” is one of God “sending our sins away.” If you are a Christian, how does it make you feel to realize that your sins have literally been “sent away?”
- Maybe you find it hard to believe that you can be free of guilt and forgiven for all eternity. What are those things in your life that you don’t believe God could ever forgive? Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and talk about WHO forgives sin and what role we play.

3. In Christ, you are **GRACED** (Ephesians 1:7)

- When God gives us grace, He goes above and beyond in lavishing riches on us. He dumps His pleasure, His joy, His kindness on us. What are some of the “graces” that God has given to you specifically?
- When was the last time you stopped and worshiped God because of Who He is and because of what He has poured out on you? As a group, take some time to do that right now.
- Commit this week to notice and celebrate the amazing graces that God dumps out on you.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray together by finishing this phrase, “God, I worship you because...”

