

AN INHERITANCE THAT MOTIVATES

Ephesians 1:9-12

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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)

- If someone gave you a million dollars, what would you do with it? Have you ever been the recipient of a gift like that? If so, what did you do with the money? Would you spend it that way again?

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, **John reminded Believers of the inheritance we have in Christ, and how we should respond to that inheritance.**

Five Key Aspects Of Our Inheritance In Christ:

1. **This inheritance is IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:9)**
 - John said, "In Heaven, our pleasure will not be in who is around us but in Who is before us." Be honest, what are you looking forward to most about Heaven?
2. **This inheritance is IMPERISHABLE (1 Peter 1:3-4)**
 - What is the last item or object that you bought that broke, rusted, or was stolen? How does it make you feel to know that your inheritance in Christ won't ever disappear?
3. **This inheritance is UNDEFILED (1 Peter 1:3-4)**
 - For Christians, there will be a day when sin is no more. What is the one sinful thought, behavior, or habit that you are most looking forward to being taken away when you get to Heaven?
4. **This inheritance is UNFADING (1 Peter 1:3-4)**
 - Once we get to Heaven, our joy won't ever fade. What are some of the things that you allow to take away your joy here on Earth?
5. **This inheritance is OURS (Ephesians 1:14)**
 - All of the riches of this inheritance are for those who are in Christ! Tell your group why you beyond any doubt that you are in Christ.

Three Examples Of A Motivating Inheritance:

1. **Abraham was motivated to live on mission (Hebrews 11:8, 10b)**
 - How are you showing and sharing the message of the Gospel with specific people around you?
2. **Moses was motivated to flee from sin (Hebrews 11:24-25)**
 - Tell your group about someone you know who seems to prioritize his/her forever inheritance over temporary pleasures. What would it take for you to do that? What would you have to let go of?
3. **Moses was motivated to pursue Christ rather than comfort (Hebrews 11:26-27)**
 - What are some areas of your life where you could intentionally sacrifice, invest, or love beyond the point where it begins to be uncomfortable?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you and your group would obey, serve, and go as a natural response to the gift of your inheritance in Christ.

