

EPHESIANS

“For His Glory” (1:3-6) – Discussion Questions

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. Paul reminds the Ephesians about their blessings. When you count your blessings, what do you put on the top of your list? How does this passage move you to praise God?
2. Why is the doctrine of election essential if we want to glorify God? How does denial of it detract from his glory? Why should the doctrine of election lead us to praise God?
3. One main argument against election is that if God only chose to save some, he doesn't love everyone. Your response?
4. Some Christians say we should avoid doctrines such as election because they are so controversial. Why is this wrong?
5. Some say that the doctrine of predestination is just a divisive theological debate with no practical value. Why is this not so? What are several practical implications of this truth?
6. Paul uses the word *chosen* in the same though along with *adoption*. When you read that we are adopted as his sons in v. 5, we are all family. How does this affect your thinking about your relationship to the church & God (Rom 8:22-27)? How do you know you are chosen like it talks about in vv. 4, 11?
7. What are some practical benefits of God's adopting us?
8. How does this passage give us hope?