



FBCSH L.I.F.E. GROUPS

Group Study Guide



First Baptist Church
Sterling Heights

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Main Idea: The blessings of salvation should motivate your evangelism to the praise of God's glory!

Breaking the Ice

- What is something extraordinary that caused you to respond in shock and surprise?

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Ephesians 1:3—14
- What are the 7 blessings of salvation in Ephesians 1:3-14? How do these 7 blessings help me have a deeper understanding of salvation?
 - v. 4 –
 - v. 5 –
 - v. 7 –
 - v. 7 –
 - v. 9,10 –
 - v. 13 –
 - v. 14 –
- What connection is Paul making between the blessings of salvation and the refrain found in verses 6, 12, and 14?

Applying the Truth Personally

- How can my election to salvation motivate me to be holy and blameless before God? What is one attitude or habit I need to remove?
- In God's wisdom He chose to reveal the gospel to us as a part of his plan of administration (9). In what way am I letting my hope in Christ (12) motivate me to be actively involved in the administration of the gospel?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- How is our church serving considering the purpose of our salvation being "to the praise of His glory"? What areas have distracted us?
- According to verses 7—12 God works "all things after the counsel of his will" and "according to His kind intention." How should these truths impact our church's evangelism and outreach?

Digging Deeper

- Read Ephesians 1—3 and write out God’s mission statement for the church?
- Read Ephesian 1:3—14. List four ways this impacts the rest of the letter?

Looking Ahead

- Read Luke 15:11- 24.