

small groups

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Read <u>Ephesians 1:1-4.</u> What do you think it means to be blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ? What are "spiritual" blessings and where is the "heavenly realms"?

- II. Now read <u>verses 4-8</u>. List all the things that God has done for us through Jesus Christ. How's it feel to be chosen, predestined, adopted, redeemed, forgiven and lavished on? What does this say about God's love and mercy towards us? How should these spiritual blessings make us feel?
- III. Read <u>verses 9-10.</u> What is the "mystery" God has made known to us? (Note <u>3:2-6)</u> What does it mean that Christ is the head of heaven and earth?
- IV. Finally, read <u>Ephesians 1:11-14</u>. What do you know about predestination? In what sense does God plan to do things? What is his will for us? Notice the word "praise" used twice here. (See also verses 3 and 6). What is praise and how do we bring praise to God? What personally can yo praise God for today? Be specific. According to verse 13, how does someone join in Christ? When did this happen for you? What does the Holy Spirit do and what kind of guarantee does God give us for the future?

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