CHRIST OF CHURCH & COSMOS

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

WE ARE ON A JOURNEY

WE ARE ALL AFTER SOMETHING

LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER

That's what this guide is about, and if you're serious about journeying well, then please,

by all means, read on...

This guide is designed for groups of people to:

- 1. Journey together
- 2. Abide in God's Word
- 3. Draw closer to God

You could use this guide to:

- 1. Discuss with friends in a home
- 2. Discuss over a zoom call
- 3. Discuss as a family devotional
- 4. The options are endless

Here's how it works:



Watch the video



Reflect



Learn



Dream



Pray

BREAK THE ICE

SHARE YOUR HIGHS AND LOWS FROM THIS WEEK.

As a community on this journey together, let's make things a little personal.

In two sentences or less:

How have you been blessed this week?

What has not gone the way you wanted?

REFLECT

HOW DO WE SEE THE TRINITY AT WORK IN THIS PASSAGE?

When we talk about the Trinity, we are talking about one God who has revealed Himself in three persons. Reread Ephesians 1:3-14.

What is God the Father doing?

What is God the Son doing?

What is God the Holy Spirit doing?

Have you seen these things play out in your personal life? If so, how?

LEARN

DID GOD CHOOSE YOU, OR DID YOU CHOOSE GOD?

If you follow Jesus, then the short answer is yes.

Even so, the concept of election can be hard for us to wrap our minds around. John Stott says this to the person who asks if they chose God, "we must answer, 'Yes, indeed you did, and freely, but only because in eternity God had first chosen you."

The fact that God chose us, based on no merit of our own, is ultimately humbling and should lead us to live for the praise and glory of God.

DREAM

HOW WILL YOU LIVE FOR THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF GOD THIS WEEK?

We can live for the praise of God's glory by celebrating the work of redemption God has accomplished in us. That's worship.

We can celebrate God's work to others who are far from Christ. That's witness.

We can seek unity because we know the story ends in a unified heaven and earth ruled by Christ. That means listening and humbly engaging a culture with which we may not see eye to eye.

PRAY

PRAY THAT OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY WOULD EXIST FOR THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF KING JESUS.

Prayer should be a primary focus of this group. We pray because the loving God that we call Father is able to answer our prayers.

Pray big prayers. Pray humble prayers. Pray desperate prayers for unity and redemption in our community and in our church.