

October 21, 2018

"Freedom!"

Ephesians 1:7, 8

Ice Breaker:

Share a time when you felt claustrophobic. What did it feel like?

Have you ever had to "redeem" something? (Maybe your car was impounded or had an item at a pawn shop?)

Study Questions: (READ Ephesians 1:7-8)

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Give a practical definition of "redemption."
3. What is a "trespass?"
4. All this talk about blood is very gory and repulsive. Why can't God just decide to "forgive" we human beings without all the offensive mess?
5. Do you see any difference between the way humans forgive and God's forgiveness?
6. Why does God insist on blood before there is forgiveness? (Hebrews 9:22) What connection does Leviticus 17:11 have in this discussion . . . "For life is in the blood?"
7. Why do you think the terms "Jesus' blood" and "forgiveness" are often found back to back in verses? (Col. 1:14)
8. Do you ever think of yourself as "redeemed?" What difference would it make if you did?
9. What does it look like for you to live daily in light of the cross? (Luke 9:23)

Pray for each other:

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What is my true identity? Who am I "in Christ?" We are not only "blessed, chosen and adopted," this morning Paul wants us to know that we are also free! Do you not feel as free from shame, guilt and sin as you would like to be? Listen as the Apostle Paul explains that in Christ, your identity is not shame but redeemed, forgiven and free. If the Son has set you free, you will be free indeed.

1. Redemption (verse 7)

2. Forgiveness (verse 7)

3. Grace (verses 7, 8)

NEXT STEP:

Do you ever think of yourself as redeemed? Why is it so hard for us to see ourselves the way God sees and accepts us? What difference would it make if we could truly grasp our true identity in Christ?