

Engage Bible Study Guide Session 8 | Intro + Ephesians 1:1-14 | October 26, 2020

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- Think of a couple of ways in which the ethnic background of your family is reflected in your life now: Tastes in food? Mannerisms? Expressions? Ways of handling emotions? Celebrating holidays?
- Take a few minutes to peruse the chapters of the book of Ephesians. Note the captions, headings, titles of sections that give you some hints as to the letter's meaning and purpose.

>> **DIG**

- How would you describe the Apostle Paul's "tone" in the first 14 verses?
- Read verses 3-9 and using your own words, describe the blessings of Christ" at work in your life.
- What words and phrases in this section help you better understand God's nature? Christ's relationship to you and to God, and the work of the Spirit?
- How does being chosen by God (vs 4) relate to our believing in God?

>> APPLY

- What brings you the most joy when you think about God's relationship to you?
- How does knowing that you have already been "chosen," "adopted" make a difference for you today?