

Sunday, June 6, 2021 - "Graduation Sunday" - Karl Messenger

Key Passages: Ephesians 1:3-14

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- The City of Ephesus
  - A very dark city
  - Worshipped the goddess Artemis (temple was one of seven wonders)
  - Port city: prosperous, "anything you wanted you could get"
- But the apostle Paul shares the gospel of Jesus and the city/world changes
- Who is hearing and seeing the word of God because you're in their life?
- Ephesians 1:3-14 - 3 Phrases
- **We are REDEEMED**
  - We have a new identity
  - Members of the family of God
  - Our calling is to move towards Christ everyday...be redeemed
  - Who in your life needs to know God personally
- **We are MARKED**
  - Sealed by the Holy Spirit
  - We are called to live as someone marked by God
  - The greatest adventure of your life is following God together
- **Eulogetus** (to the praise of His glory)
  - This is where the term eulogy comes from
  - Live a life so marked by God that your eulogy is about the praise of God's glory
- The spirit of artemis is still around today
  - Trying to destroy us
  - Our battle isn't against flesh and blood
  - We put on the armor of God everyday and live as the redeemed and marked by God

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Have you ever been a place that felt "dark" like Ephesus? What did God reveal to you?
2. Who is hearing and seeing the word of God because you are in their life? What is your relationship like?
3. Who in your life needs to hear and see the word of God through you? How can you engage in that process?
4. In your own words, what does it mean that you are redeemed? How does this affect the way you think about yourself and your life?
5. How has following God been like an adventure for you?
6. What does it look like for you to put on the armor of God daily?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 2 Peter 1 Tues: 2 Peter 2 Wed: 2 Peter 3 Thurs: 1 John 1 Fri: 1 John 2

Songs from the weekend: [Lion and the Lamb - *Leeland*] - [Holy Spirit - *Katie and Bryan Torwalt*] - [Promises - *Maverick City*] - [Jesus at the Center - *Israel Houghton*]