

Small Group Discussion 12/26/2021

“Treasures, Trophies, and Tools” – sermon by Dan Norwood

Ephesians 1 & 2

Getting Started

- Dan’s introductory statement was that “God provided graciously for you, and God plans to powerfully use you.” Is that something you often feel strongly, or do you struggle with believing it?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

Discussion

- Dan suggested that “redemption” is a strong word that stands out in Ephesians 1. (esp. verse 7 and 14). He gave a little Greek lesson, pointing out how the Greek word used here (based on apolutrow) differs from other Greek words: agoradzo, exagoradzo, and lutrow. What stood out for you in that discussion?
- Review how all three members of the godhead are involved in redemption/salvation, and the significance of their work being described in past tense.
- Where is the term or concept “treasure” found in Ephesians 1:18-19? What does being God’s **treasure** mean to you?
- Where is the term or concept “trophy” found in Ephesians 2:7? What does being God’s **trophy** mean to you?
- Where is the term or concept “tool” found in Ephesians 2:10? What does being God’s **tool** mean to you?
- What are some practical ways one could put the various concepts covered in Dan’s sermon into action in the coming year?