

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Riverwood's Purpose & Our Life's Purpose

Week of January 26, 2020

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

#### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Who do you admire the most? It can be a historical figure, a celebrity, or pretty much anyone you know.

#### DISCUSSION

Riverwood's mission is "to invite the spiritually disconnected to find and follow Jesus." Ephesians 1:3-10 gives us insight as to what a follower of Jesus looks like and what a Jesus-follower has through the gospel.

#### Read Ephesians 1:3-4

1. a. Paul says that in Christ, we have been blessed "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (v. 3). What do you think these "spiritual blessings" are?  
  
b. Why do you think God gave us these spiritual blessings (v. 4)?
2. Verse 4 says we are to be "holy and blameless"? What does this mean? How is this possible?



#### Read Ephesians 1:5-10

3. Paul says God adopted us "to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will" (v. 5). Using verses 6-10, explain the meaning of the phrase "the purpose of His will."

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

4. According to Ephesians 1:3-10, what is God's purpose for your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In light of these truths from Ephesians 1:3-10, is there something you need to surrender to go all in for God's purpose? (If you feel comfortable, please feel free to share with the rest of the group.)

#### MEMORY VERSE

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

#### PRAYER

*Close in prayer, thanking God for the redemption and forgiveness we have through Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you be obedient to His will and step into His purpose for your life.*

