

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From the Masterpiece Ephesians Sermon Series

Our Text for the Week of 4.19.20: Ephesians 1:1–14

God is the Ultimate Artist

The context is the Apostle Paul writing to the believers who were living in the general area of Asia Minor in and near the ancient city of Ephesus. Ephesus would have been a city filled with masterpieces, having several cathedrals, a large library, and the landmark temple to the Greek god, Artemis. These Gentile believers would have been familiar with all kinds of artistry and industry and culture. Paul was challenging them (and us) to understand that we are God's masterpiece and how the gospel transforms us to be what God has created us to be. Read Ephesians 1:1–14.

Three Key Points:

As the ultimate artist, God has always cherished us

As the ultimate artist, God has made a way for us

As the ultimate artist, God has given His best for us

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What is the greatest site (masterpiece) you have ever seen?
2. Think about God's cherishing love for you. What do you cherish the most?
3. Describe a time when you received something you didn't deserve.
4. God has blessed us w/ every spiritual blessing, but what gets in your way?
5. Describe a mystery in your life that you didn't understand until later.
6. How does the blood of Jesus mean redemption for you? What is redemption?
7. What one thing would you like to receive (redeem) from God but haven't asked for?
8. How has God given you assurance of your salvation in Christ?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

How will I live differently because God is the ultimate artist?

How will I live differently this week because of this study?

Thoughts & Reflections: