

# BEHIND THE MASK

Week 1

BRBC Groups

May 2, 2021

**Scripture** | Ephesians 1:1-14

- Ice Breaker** |
1. What would you say was one of the most challenging aspects of this past year due to COVID?
  2. If someone were to ask you, "who are you?" How would you respond?

- Discussion Questions** |
1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
  2. Read Ephesians 1:11-14
  3. Why do you think Paul introduces the letter by stating his credentials (an apostle)?
  4. What does Paul call the Ephesians? What does it mean?
  5. What, according to Paul, has God done for us in and through Jesus?
  6. The term "In Christ" or something similar comes up multiple times in this section. What does it mean to be in Christ?
  7. What does it mean to be chosen?
  8. How does God see us in Jesus? Is that different than how we see ourselves and others?
  9. What do you think are some of the ways people today find their identity? How does this differ from Paul's perspective in this passage?
  10. We are not chosen for our own sake but for the sake of what God wants to accomplish through us. In what ways might God want to bless others through you and your church?
  11. What blessings have we received through Jesus (v7-8)?
  12. In verse 8, Paul says God has lavishly blessed us. How closely does lavishly fit the way you understand or experience God's attitude towards you? Explain
  13. What is God's big plan? (v9-10)
  14. What is our promised inheritance? How do we know we will receive it?
  15. What difference does knowing God sees you Holy and blameless in his eyes through Christ make in your life? What else does Paul say here about who you are really?