

Behind THE MASK

Week 2

BRBC Groups

May 9, 2021

Scripture | Ephesians 1:1-14

- Ice Breaker** |
1. Have you read the entire bible before? Do you ever notice anything different when you read a passage more than once?
 2. Are you or do you know anyone who has been adopted?

- 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 1:1-14
 3. If you had to summarize this section in one sentence, what would it be?
 4. 1:3 begins with a call for God to be "Blessed." The word "Blessed" carries with it the idea of "speaking highly about another." According to what you see in 1:3 why would Christians be motivated to "speak highly" of God?
 5. What does it mean that God chose us before the world began? How would that work? How would you explain that to someone who did not follow Jesus?
 6. God considers us holy and blameless in His presence (Ephesians 1:4). Considering that we have all sinned and are constantly trying to find our way, what does this mean to you?
 7. In the message this week, Rob emphasized the concept of "adoption to sonship." What would this idea have meant to Paul's original audience?
 8. What are some of the benefits Paul says we have because we are adopted into sonship?
 9. This passage makes it very clear how God thinks about us. Do you ever find yourself feeling differently than this passage states? Do you ever find yourself not believing God cares for you? If so, how do you fight that feeling? If not, what advice do you have for someone who feels that way sometimes?
 10. What is the evidence that God chose and loves us according to Paul? How do we experience that in our lives?
 11. This section emphasizes the concept of being in Christ, what does that mean?
 12. To the best of your understanding, what do you think it means to have "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"?
 13. How might our behaviour change knowing what God thinks of us?