

INTRODUCTION:

Describe a time when you built something or put something together and it became frustrating. What made it frustrating? How did you resolve the frustration?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

In the passage, what are some things God does?

In the passage, what are some things we do? (hint, there's only one thing)

What was "the plan" that Paul mentions in v. 10?

Who do you think the Ephesians heard the Word of truth from in v. 13? Why is hearing the Word of truth important to them believing in him? Can't someone believe in Jesus without hearing the Gospel? Why or why not?

What does he mean by "sealed with the Spirit"?

As you look at the whole passage, what is the purpose of God saving us?

TAKE IT HOME:

God chose to create, permit our fall, and provide salvation all for the praise of His glory, if this is true, how does it affect our relationship with those who are not yet believers?

How do we process good and bad things in our lives in light of God's rescue plan for the world? Are they just coincidental or are they part of the overall plan for God's glory in the world? Why do you say that?