

**WHY:** Jesus is [GOD](#) and [KING](#).

**WHAT:**

**Ephesians 1:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. <sup>10</sup>**And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything [TOGETHER](#) under the authority of [CHRIST](#)—everything in heaven and on earth.**

**WHO:** Jesus' [CHURCH](#).

**Ephesians 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup>God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. <sup>6</sup>So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup>He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. <sup>8</sup>He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

**HOW:** Holy Spirit [POWER](#).

**Ephesians 1:19-23**

<sup>19</sup>I also pray that you will understand **the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup>that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.** <sup>21</sup>Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup>God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup>And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

**Where does God want to reveal himself in power through you?**

**Notes:**

**How to receive forgiveness from God:**

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

**For Further Reflection:**

*Have you ever tried to read a book of the Bible (not the whole Bible, but one of the books in it) through in a single sitting? What was challenging about that? What was refreshing? **[Take some time this week to read or listen through the book of Ephesians in one sitting—share with someone what "pops" out at you.]***

*Read the Scriptures on the other side of this Guide.*

*:: What sticks out to you? How might God be speaking to you there? What action will you take?*

*:: How do you see the "why-what-who-how" we spoke about this weekend at play here?*

*:: What is especially encouraging or challenging for you?*

*Pastor Jeremiah said, "We often live as though God wants to reveal his power **around** us, but not **in** us and **through** us."*

*:: What are some of the implications of this?*

*:: How might this change the way we pray and expect God to answer our prayers?*

*Where do you believe God wants to reveal himself in power around you? How might he have positioned you to do that **through** you? Share your answers to these questions with someone and invite them to pray with and for you as you seek faithfulness here.*

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