

## **Ephesians 1:1-2 Discussion Questions**

Please feel free to use the questions below for group discussion or individual study and reflection after listening to the audio and reading the notes. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to use them effectively. Please let us know if there are other resources or ways we can support you. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for pursuing truth.

1. In Eph. 1, Paul said he was an Apostle “by the will of God.” Do you ever find yourself attempting to copy another person’s ministry? What is that experience like (thoughts/feelings/fruits/etc.) for you? What do you think motivates us to imitate someone else’s gifts instead of rejoicing in our own?

2. Paul addresses his letter to “The saints who are at Ephesus.” We are as holy as we will ever be. (Romans 1:7, 1 Cor. 13:43, 2 Cor. 13:13) How does this truth show up in daily life? Is it ever hard for you to believe and accept?

Why does God still allow us to FEEL guilt or shame if we’ve been made holy? How should we walk through moments when we feel ashamed or prideful as a saint?

3. What is the significance of Paul saying “Grace” before “Peace”? How do you define Grace? What effect does Grace have on the everyday life of the believer?

4. What is the key to peace? Where does Grace and Peace come from? Do we always have access to it or must we ask for it each time we’re troubled?

When your world falls apart, where do you run? For you, is it more difficult to accept the grace and peace of God in deep suffering or in daily disappointments?

### **Digging Deeper:**

Check out Acts 19 that talks about Paul’s first time at Ephesus. This will provide you a wider backdrop for the rest of the course.

Look into what Scripture says about our “Inheritance” as sons and daughters / co heirs with Christ. Share your findings with someone! It’s good stuff!

Familiarize yourself with Eph. 1:1-14 before we jump into it next week!