

Ephesians 1:8-10b 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. What is your normal reaction (internal/external) when you realize you have sinned? (Not after a specific answer here. Just consider this with the Lord for a moment.)

Do you think confessing and repenting for an act of sin is equivalent to asking God for forgiveness? If not, what do you see as the difference? If so, and all sin was not forgiven at the cross, at what point will those sins be forgiven?

2. Paul likes to refer to “mysteries” quite a bit. Check out these references for some examples: 1 Cor. 1:18-25, 1 Cor. 2:6-8, Col. 1:24-29, Col. 2:1-3, Col. 4:3

Do they all refer to the same mystery? If not, how do these mysteries differ?

What relevant information concerning mystery does Paul share in Eph. 3:3? (We will study this more deeply at that point in the course.)

3. Have God’s intentions ever seemed unkind to you? What was that like? What do you currently think are God’s intentions toward you?

4. Eph. 1:10 talks about the “summing up of all things in Christ.” What current events have shaken you up lately? Consider personally (or as a group) how this could play a role in all things being summed up in Christ.

Does your personal situation apply to that as well?

Digging Deeper:

Read Revelation 5 and look at the descriptions of power there. What is it that God values in His display of power? What stands out to you about the Lion and the Lamb?