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# Your Glorious Inheritance in Christ

EPHESIANS 1:11-12

**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
Our Focus

**Suggested icebreaker:**  
Have you ever inherited something? Share your experience with the group. If you have not, perhaps you can share a story you have heard regarding getting an inheritance.

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested songs:**

- Good Good Father
- Blessed Assurance

# WORD: Understanding the Word

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## LESSON AIM

1. Members will thank God for the inheritance He has graciously given.
2. Members will develop a proper perspective on material possessions and life's difficulties.
3. Members will share the gospel with others, that they too, may share in God's blessings.

## INTRODUCTION

In our previous lessons, we have been seeing just how much God has blessed us. He has graciously given us EVERY spiritual blessing. The foremost of these blessings is the blessing of salvation. In this lesson, we will take a look at the inheritance God has prepared for believers since the beginning of time. How do we gain access to this inheritance? What exactly are included in the inheritance? For what purpose did God give the inheritance?

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. What did we obtain in Christ? (v. 11a)
2. Did we obtain this by chance or was it prepared beforehand? (v. 11b)
3. What purpose does God have for those who have obtained His inheritance? (v. 12)

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. What does it mean for a person to be "in Christ?" How can one know if they are "in Christ?" (cf. Romans 8:16-17)
2. What is an inheritance? What kind of inheritance will those who are in Christ receive? Look at the following passages for a glimpse at God's inheritance: Revelation 21:3; Colossians 1:27; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:4-5; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Romans 4:13; James 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:9
3. When did God determine to give this inheritance? What does this say about God?
4. Did God graciously give believers such an abundant blessing for their benefit alone? What is God's ultimate purpose for lavishly providing for His people? Take note of a repeated phrase in these verses: Ephesians 1:6; 12; 14

# WALK: Applying the Word

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## APPLICATIONS

### - CHILDREN -

1. Now knowing that we belong to God, what are some ways we can live for Jesus each day? Can you cite some examples?
2. What are some things that your parents have given you that you like very much? Compare these to the blessing you've received from the Lord. What are these?

### - YOUTH -

1. What are some of the memorable things, whether material or behavioral, that you inherited from your parents? How have you been blessed by these in the past?
2. Who are some of the people in your life right now (perhaps relatives, classmates, or friends) that you desire to receive God's inheritance as well? Pray for them this week and send a message to them, and should the Lord will it, talk to them about your hope in Christ.

### - ADULTS -

1. Take some time to praise and thank God for all the abundant blessings He has given us and for the inheritance we are yet to receive.
2. The inheritance God has prepared for us is beyond our imagination. In light of this truth, what attitude or perspective should you have on material possessions? How can this truth help us go through life's dark moments?
3. Do you have family members or people in your sphere of influence who have yet to place their faith in Jesus Christ? Pray for them, and that God will provide you with opportunities to share the gospel with them, that they too, may receive God's inheritance.

# WALK: Applying the Word

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- COMMUNAL -

1. How can you glorify God in your community?
2. Think of one thing to keep glorifying God globally (local & global) and be accountable with someone. Keep reminding each other to do it.

- GLOBAL -

1. How can you glorify God to the rest of the world? This may seem a herculean task, but it is very possible with Social Media.
2. God's plan is to bring together both Jews & Gentiles in Jesus Christ. How can you contribute to making Christ known globally?





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