

Ephesians 1:7-10

For the week of September 24, 2023

Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of last week's text?
- 2. What does it mean that we have "redemption" (v. 7)? What have we been redeemed *from*?
- 3. What does it mean that God has "lavished" His grace upon us? How does Paul's word choice influence the meaning of this text?
- 4. What is the mystery in verse 9? How has God revealed this mystery? (How may Eph. 3:1-13 provide context for this idea?)
- 5. When we read the Bible, we're always trying to understand the authors intended meaning, or their "big idea". How would you state the "big idea" of this passage? What is the connection between last week's "big idea" and this week's?

Living It Out:

- 1. Has there ever been a time where you've had love "lavished" upon you? If so, who expressed this abundant love toward you, and how? Share the story.
- 2. When you think of God's character, do you often feel the overwhelming love He has for you? Why or why not? Describe how you feel His love most often.
- 3. What are some ways that a deeper understanding of God's love and grace may transform us? What are the emotions, traits, attitudes, expressions, etc. of one with a deep understanding/experience of God's overwhelming love? How do we help each other become those people?

