**Small Group Notes – 5 Sept 2021**

**Welcome**

What is the most valuable thing you have inherited?

**Word – Promise in Christ – Ephesians 1:1-14**

The apostle Paul uses the phrase **“In Christ”** several times in the first 14 Verses of Ephesians Chapter 1. We can have confidence that all we are promised as Children of God is true because we are **“In Christ”.**

* God the Father initiated it all – v3-6
* Jesus the Son accomplished it all – v5-8
* God the Holy Spirit applies it all – v13-14

**Questions**

* What does it mean to be “In Christ”?
* We are told in verse 3 that we are blessed with “Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ”. What are those blessings? Make a list and share?
* What does it mean to say the blessings we have in Christ are spiritual?
* How can all these blessings be ours?
* What is the doctrine of election? – verse 4
* What is your reaction to Paul’s suggestion that God the Father not only chose you but also adopted you into his family? – verse 5
* What is God’s big plan? – verse 9
* What does it mean to be marked, sealed by the Holy Spirit? – verse 13
* What is the Father’s role in all this? What is Jesus’ role and what is the Holy Spirit’s role?
* What does it mean to live “to the praise of His glory”?

**Prayers & reminders**

**Sunday 5 Sept** - Prayer meeting on NMBC Zoom @ 8pm-9pm.

**Sat 11 Sept @4pm Simon Bramwell’s ordination & Induction service.**

If you are planning to attend in person, please let Sue in the church office know. NMBC Zoom details are as usual for those who wish to join online.

Please prayer for Simon & Dala & the family on this significant occasion.

* Please pray for all those involved in serving and planning for our   
  Sunday services, especially those involved in the technical side.
* Please pray for our Children & Young people starting back at   
  school or university.