

## Icebreakers

1. Name, how long you've been coming to TimberCreek, and a fun fact about you.
2. What is your favorite memory growing up?
3. Where would you go if you had 1 million dollars?

## Main Scripture

Ephesians 1: 1-14

## Main Points

- ◆ Here we learn a brief description of the back story of Paul along with the town of Ephesus.
- ◆ The importance of Ephesus as a trade city during a pivotal time in Roman rule. We learned Paul's background as a once condemner of Christian faith, turned apostle spreading the Good News to thousands of Jew and Gentile alike.
- ◆ We learned the importance of the church. Why are we here? Paul talks in Acts 16 "I will build my church" or "called out community" or "body of Christ" We are a body, a family. We must stand firm together and support one another.
- ◆ Ephesians 1-3 Paul lays the foundation and in Ephesians 4-14 he voices because of Christ, we are adopted, we are loved, we are planted. We have been adopted into this new family.
- ◆ Yes, we still have sin, but now we are saved by Jesus' grace for us.
- ◆ Revelation 2:4 "You do not love me now as you did at first". John also writes a letter to Ephesus to talk about the letter Jesus wrote to Ephesus.
- ◆ What happened? You lost sight.
- ◆ We still believe in him, but we lost that first love we had for our Father.
- ◆ Jesus gave us a solution
- ◆ Remember. Repent. Return.

## Questions

1. How does Paul's personal testimony influence the way he writes?
2. How can we use our testimony to encourage the people in our lives?
3. Why is church important to you?
4. Why is community so important?
5. Why must we fight for community, for the church, for our family?

## Announcements

- ◆ Series continues next week Sunday, September 17th.