

# Small Group Study Guide

## ICE BREAK

- Talk about a time of great uncertainty in your life?
- Share about a time in your life of great certainty?

## STUDY

This week we focus on the difference Christ makes in the “Story of Our Life”.

What did you hear in this week’s sermon that was new about the certainty of the “end of the story”?

### 1. Read Ephesians 1:8-10

- a. How is Paul’s message here a “spoiler alert”?
- b. How is it a privilege to know this secret (1 Peter 1:10)?
- c. The plot of the story is fulfilled in and through Jesus. What is our role in the plot?
- d. How did Paul’s circumstances legitimize our call to trust even when we are facing trials and hardships?
- e. How do you typically maintain a God’s-Eye-Perspective in such trying situations?

### 2. “We are the objects of God’s affection but we are not the center of His universe”.

- a. How have you dealt with that reality in your walk with Christ?
- b. How does that reality tend to lead to more frustration and self-centeredness?

### 3. Read Ephesians 1:9-10-“Putting in Order”--Ephesians 6:19-20 “Ambassador-speak fearlessly”.

- a. Is there a room in your spiritual house that God is guiding you to put in order at this time?

- b. What situations does God place you in so that you may speak fearlessly to others about God’s Story and your place in His Plot?
- c. **Ephesians 1:13-14**–The Holy Spirit is a deposit in us **guaranteeing** that we are in the plot of His story-until the final chapter:
  - i. How is the Holy Spirit activated and guiding you in your daily life?.

## REFLECT

- Discuss “The plot of His story brings us together, destroying walls between us”.

## PRAY

- Pray for each other’s best use of the time and opportunities God presents us with.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for walls to be brought down and unity to reign.