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## **Week 1**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Discussion:**

1. Can you think of something that is a regular part of your life, but you really don't understand how it works? List some examples.
2. Does it bother you that you don't understand it? Does that keep you from using it?

### **Today's Scripture Passages**

- Read **Ephesians 1:1-14** and jot down below any words that stand out to you.

### **Video 1**

### **Discussion Questions**

3. Who wrote Ephesians? Why is it named *Ephesians*?
4. Describe Ephesus.
5. What was the climate like for Christians? How do you survive and thrive in a hostile context?

6. **Read Deuteronomy 29:29.** How should we respond to this, especially as it comes to confusing, troubles, and unexpected situations and circumstances?
  
7. What does it mean to you that there was *never* a time when God did not know you or love you?

Personal application point: Perhaps you needed to hear the statement above, today. And maybe someone you know needs to hear that from you, as soon as possible. Who is that person?

8. Why has God chosen you as a recipient of His love and grace? **Read Deuteronomy 7:7 and 9:6.** How does this offer us clarity?
  
9. We might be tempted to believe that we have to take the first step, but what does God's Word tell us? **Read John 6:44, 1 Corinthians 12:1-3, and Ephesians 2:8-9.**
  
10. What were the last 3 things J.D. Greear mentioned—3 things we can take away from this text?
  - a. A \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. H \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. B \_\_\_\_\_ (how do **Genesis 26:4 and Deuteronomy 29:29** apply here?)

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for knowing us and loving us even before the creation of the world. Many have not heard this message of hope, or the Name of Jesus. Enable us to live with assurance, hope and boldness this week, especially as we draw upon what has been shared with us- The Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.