

You Asked For It...

This week's reading: 1 Tim 4:1-4; 2 Pet 3:9; Rom 8:28-30; Eph 1:4-5; Phil 2:12-13
Discussion Guide: May 12, 2024

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- Ephesians 6:10-11

Did you have any discipling opportunities this past week? Did you make a list of three? Did you reach out to one?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- What thoughts or emotions come to your mind when you hear the word predestination?

READ and ASK: 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:4-5; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:1-2

- What truths do these passages declare about God's plan of salvation?
- Based on these texts and this past weekend's sermon, how do you see the doctrine of predestination?
- What biblical challenges do you see with God choosing some to be saved, while not choosing others?
- How does knowing that foreknowledge does not necessitate causation of an outcome impact your perspective of predestination?
- What questions do you still have on this subject?
- Frank Turek says that "predestined means God has guaranteed the outcome. [The believer is] guaranteed glory in heaven because you are in Christ. Once you have made the choice, it is guaranteed." How does that encourage you? (2 Cor 5:17-21)

APPLY:

- Next step(s): While we could get wrapped up in a debate (hopefully healthy), ultimately the beauty of these truths is that God loves us and has made a way of salvation for us.
 - o How do you need to thank God for that?
 - o How do you need to respond fresh to these truths?

Memory Work:

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 2:18-25, Romans 1:18-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Timothy 1:8-11,
Matthew 9:9-13, 1 Timothy 1:15-17