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Eph. 1:3, James 1:17, Matt. 7:7-14, Rom. 8:32, Ps. 84:11, John 3:16
2. Is worth teaching
Eph. 1:4, Heb. 12:5-11, Ps. 32:8, John 14:26, 16:13, 2 Tim. 3:16
3. He wants in His family
Eph. 1:5-6, John 1:12, 15:5-7, Rev. 3:20, Gal. 4:1-7, 1 John 3:1
4. Is worth dying for
Eph. 1:7-10, Heb. 12:2, Ps. 139:13-14, 1 Pet. 2:24, 3:18, 1 Cor. 15:3

Which means that we should...

1. Accept God’s mercy and grace
Eph. 2:1-9, Rom. 10:9-13, Acts 2:38, John 3:17, 14:6
2. View others the same way
Matt. 22:36-40, 2 Pet. 3:9, Eph. 4:29-32, Luke 6:31, John 15:12
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Ephesians 1:3-10 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and specifically about how God views us, what stood out to you?

Diving In

1. As we discussed in the message, not because of anything that you've done, but because of who God is, God views you as someone who He wants to bless, who is worth teaching, who He wants in His family, and who is worth dying for. As you think about that, how does that change how you view who God is? How does it change how you view yourself?
2. How do you think the enemy can sneak in and convince us that God doesn't view us this way? Have you ever fallen into the trap of thinking that God doesn't view you as someone who He wants to have a relationship with? What led you to think that?
3. If God views us this way, then it shouldn't just be head knowledge for us, but should change the way that we live our lives. It should cause us to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, view others the way that God views them, and then live on mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ! How likely are you to fall into the trap of only gaining head knowledge and not applying God's Word to your life?
4. What would it look like for you to live on mission for Jesus?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
- Who can you ask to keep you accountable to applying this to your life?

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