



**CHOSEN: Picked to Play (Ephesians 1:1-14)**

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**The Perks of being Picked:**

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ changes: we are \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4-5).

- God \_\_\_\_\_ the choice of you.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ motivated him.
- God's plan is to make you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ changes: we are \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-8).

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ changes: we know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9-10).

4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ changes: we live to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-14).

**Our Appropriate Responses:**

- If you feel God's \_\_\_\_\_, you should \_\_\_\_\_ you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are \_\_\_\_\_, you should receive \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you receive \_\_\_\_\_, you should \_\_\_\_\_ God.

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**Getting to Know Each Other**

1. What App for the iPhone do you want invented? Why?
2. What potentially excites you about this study and this group?

**Getting Started**

3. What feelings do you have when you think about the potential of being picked or not picked for anything (like in the drama)?
4. What is eye-opening or troubling to you about the idea found in Ephesians 1 that God chooses people?
5. Read these passages and describe what they have in common: Romans 1:18-23, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Romans 3:9-11. Does it seem fair to say the Bible teaches that because of sin no one would ever respond to the gospel call on his or her own?
6. Read these passage and see if you find that they teach that God must first choose and act before anyone can even want to come to him or could come to him: Matthew 16:13-17, John 6:44, 15:16, 6:37, 45, Acts 13:48, Romans 8:28-30, 1 Peter 1:1-2. How does this make you feel about God's choosing you?
7. Which of the four "Perks of being Picked" are most helpful to you? Why?

**Digging Deeper**

8. If you have received salvation, did you feel that you chose God or he chose you? If you haven't received salvation, do you sense God pulling you?
9. In Ephesians 1:13-14, the Holy Spirit is a seal (which in ancient times defined ownership) and a deposit (which is a guarantee of something to come in the future). How does this impact your security of salvation?
10. What is the first thing you would change if you were to get serious about living "to the praise of God's Glory" (Eph. 1:14)?