

## **The family of God Ephesians 1:3-14**

### **Goal**

To enlarge our vision of the church and God's plans and compare our ambitions with God's ambitions.

### **Warm up**

Let's do a word association exercise. When I say "church" what do you think of?

The church is a major theme of the book of Ephesians. The goal of the series is to build understanding of what it means to be part of the church, which is bigger and far greater than a local congregation. The church is God's family and lies at the centre of God's plans for his creation, and eternity, and you are part of His family when you believe (1:15).

Chapters 1-3 challenges the way we think. Chapters 3-6 challenges the way we live.

### **Lesson**

#### **Read Ephesians 1:3-14**

1. The church is a family blessed by God. What motivates God to bless us?
2. How has God blessed us?
3. What are the spiritual blessings?
4. How do we receive these blessings?
5. What is God's purpose for blessing us?

### **Application**

- Let's do the word association exercise one more time. When I say "church" what do you think?
- How do our lives align with God's purposes?
- How does the life of our church align with God's purposes?
- How does the life of our align with God's purpose?
- How does this passage challenge your attitude towards church?
- How do we need to respond/change?

### **Prayer**