



Where is All this Headed?
October 3, 2021
Discussion Guide: Week 4

Lean In

- What are three items on your “bucket list?” Have you started working on them yet? How far along are you?

Look Around

- How does our culture answer the question: “Where is all this headed?”
- If you have had a conversation with a friend around this “Big” question, what have they said?

Look Down

- *Ephesians 1¹¹ In him we were also chosen having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.*
 - What stands out in this section for you? What is the hardest idea here for you to embrace?
 - When you hear the word “predestined” what idea or memory comes to your mind?
 - Does that word bring you comfort or questions? Why?
 - Share a time when knowing God has a plan for your life brought you comfort or peace.
- *¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory. .*
 - Paul reminds us that we were “included” when we heard the message of truth. What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you hear the word: “included.”
 - Share a time when you really felt “included.”
 - Share a time when you felt “excluded”

Look In

- *⁹ he^{hid} made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*
- *This week’s Big Idea to this Big Question: “God is at work bringing together all of history and invites us to join him in his work*
 - If “God’s got this” what spiritual practice might help you to remember that this week?

Look Beyond

- Who in your life needs to hear you remind them that they are held in the hands of God?