

## **Sermon Discussion Questions: Election/Predestination**

**September 23, 2018**

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Our culture often chooses people for jobs, sports teams, or dating relationships based on appearance, achievement and ways that this choice might benefit something that is lacking in the other person or the organization. In Ephesians 1:3-9 what seems to be God's motivation for choosing us and how is this different than our ways of choosing?
3. In Deuteronomy 7:6-9 we see God's reason for choosing Israel among all the nations. This similar reasoning informs why he has elected anyone for the purpose of salvation. How does this both bring great humility in ourselves and give us great confidence/security in our Covenant God?
4. Why are people afraid that believing in eternal security in our election will make us slack in our pursuit of holiness? How does our election provide a good reason to pursue holiness and a righteous lifestyle? See Deuteronomy 7:6 & 10, Ephesians 1:4, and Romans 8:29.
5. Read Acts 13:35-39. How does believing in God's effectiveness in saving the elect who are appointed for salvation give us boldness to share the Gospel with our neighbors? Pray for boldness to live on mission and pray for particular people you would like to see saved by this powerful Gospel.