

## **LIFEGROUPS**

#### SETLIST (worship optional)

Awesome God by Gerald & Tammi Hammond How Great is Our God by Todd Galberth King of Glory by Todd Dulaney My God is Big by Dasha Moore

#### ICEBREAKER (optional)

Time is scarce sometimes, but what is one thing that takes a lot of time but is totally worth it?

## **OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO**

<u>SCRIPTURE</u> (do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)
Ephesians 1:3-6

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

• When God talks about you He uses words that are not common such as blessed, favored, anointed and chosen. **Read Ephesians 1:3-6.** Since we are adopted, Jesus pursued us and chose us from the crowd. When someone is chosen his or her life looks a little different than the rest. If you are still here that means that God is not finished with you. *Have there been situations where you were affected differently (better) than those around you? Were there times when you couldn't cross a line but it seemed easy for everyone else? (Drugs, pre-marital sex, alcohol, etc.)* 

- Read Ephesians 1:4. There are times we think that God is forming our lives day by day wondering what tomorrow will look like. But the word tells us that even before He made the world He chose us! God chose you when your past was in the future! God chose you knowing you were going to mess up. He knew about the addictions, the bad choices and the deceit but He chose you anyway. Your life has already been determined for you; you just have to discover it. How do you feel knowing God chose you knowing you would mess up? Leaders, look into the eye of each person in your group, one by one, and tell them, YOU ARE CHOSEN!
- There are things that have happened in our lives that have hurt us and even changed us. Some things that may have stolen our innocence and have made us grow up quicker than expected. There may have been people in our lives that have betrayed us and destroyed any type of trust. We may have possibly taken a risk that blew up in our faces and now we live in fear. Pain could be coursing through our body and we just don't know how to get rid of it or ease it. No matter what you are going through or what you have been through, the word of God has put you on this earth to speak it out. You may not like everything that has happened to you but you know you can say things that others can't. You can proclaim the word of God over your life and over your situation. What is your life saying? What are the words that your life is speaking out to others about what you have been through? Are they words that can help others or words that are keeping you down?

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

Your challenge this week is to find out what words you are speaking in your life. When hard times come upon us what are the first words you speak out? Is it anger, pain or bitterness? Or is it forgiveness, joy in the morning or gratefulness?