

Sermon Outline – February 24, 2019

This is Us God's Word • Our Story

This is Chosen

Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 105:1-11; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 15:15-19

1. What was a time when you were chosen for something and you were pleased, and maybe even thrilled, to have been chosen?

2. This series will explore seven great themes of the Bible. The goal of this sermon series is to more deeply understand God's written Word (the Bible) and to see that God's Word is _____.

3. What is the third great theme of the Bible?
 - Being chosen is _____.
 - Being chosen is _____.
 - _____ those he will call his own.

4. The Hebrew Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament) teaches that God chose the Hebrew people as his own.
Who is chosen in each of these passages and for what?
 - Genesis 12:1-3
 - Genesis 15:5-7
 - Genesis 17
 - Genesis 26:3-4
 - Genesis 28:13-15
 - Deuteronomy 7:6
 - Psalm 105
 - Isaiah 43:1-3, 10

5. How do these New Testament passages teach the *ridiculous* assurance that those who trust and follow Jesus were first chosen by God to be his own?

- John 15:14-16

- Galatians 3:26-29; 4:4-7

- Ephesians 1:3-14

Can you put your head around "having been predestined"?

6. Through Christ, you have been chosen by God to be his own. How will you respond to this this ridiculous assurance? What is your next step?

7. *What about the scandal?* What about those who *as far as we can tell* do not yet trust in Jesus and, therefore, some people might say they have not been chosen by God?