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ELECTION

Important Definitions

Election: God's decision before creation to _____ to be saved.

Unconditional Election: God's choice to save some people is _____ upon anything that God sees in us that _____ of his choosing us.

Election in the Bible:

- As many as were _____ to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48
- _____ in him before the foundation of the world . . . In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:4-5
- For we know, brothers loved by God, that _____, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5
- God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of _____ but because of _____, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. 2 Timothy 1:9

What's Clear About Election

- Our salvation is a result of _____, not our goodness.
- Before we ever chose God, God _____.
- Our salvation is the _____ of God electing us.

Why Election Can Be Confusing

- I don't know what _____ teaches about election.
- What I know about election strikes me _____.
- I think of myself as _____ of my own destiny.
- Sometimes the doctrine of election isn't _____.

What's Awesome About Election

- It _____ us.
- It _____ God.
- It gives us courage to _____.

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STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Read Matthew 20. Why do you think this parable is so challenging for us?

Do you find yourself complaining that things are unfair?

2. Review the passages that refer to Election on this handout. Make some observations about God choosing those he would save.

3. What are some things you still find confusing about the doctrine of Election?

4. What effect will this study have on your motivation to share about Jesus with others?

5. Was there one or more points on your study handout that didn't make sense to you? Share with your group what confused you.

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.