Rooted in Purpose (Ephesians)

Questions for Reflection Discussion:
8,26.2024 - Rooted in Purpose: Awaken Disciples to Reveal the Kingdom
Ephesians 5: 16-21 and 6:10-20
1. What do you hear in this text?
2. Ephesians contrasts the wise and the foolish person, (5:15-16) what do you consider to be wise?
3. When you think of God's strength (6:10), what do you think of?
4. If you remember Bible lessons on "the armor of God" what was the emphasis?
5. How might you "put on" the virtues (6:14-17)?

8.19.2024 - Rooted in Purpose: Reveals light through the Church
Ephesians 4:1-7, 25-5:2, 6-13
1. What do you hear as you read these passages?
2. What jumps out to you?
3. What does it look like for you to walk in love as the writer calls us to do?
4. How are you leading "a life worthy of your call to holiness?
5. How can you be more humble, gentle, and patient?
6. How can you practically live out your faith in Christ?

8.12.2024 - Rooted in Purpose: Disciples do good work
Ephesians 2:1-10
1. What do you hear as you read these texts? Can you relate to the status laid out in verses 1-3?
2. How does the contrast between the status described in verses 1-3 and the one explained in verses 4-7 cause you to think about this great gift of God's grace and love in Jesus differently?
3. Consider these two ideas: works-based salvation vs. Grace alone. How does this Wesleyan idea of our works as a product of this new way of being in the grace and love of Jesus Christ differ from what you may have heard in the past or what you see lived out around you?
4. How are you living out your personal holiness and social holiness?

8.5.2024 - Rooted in Purpose: Awaken to God's gift of love
Ephesians 1: 1-6; 11-12
1. What is something new that you learned about Ephesians?
2. What did you hear as a dominant theme when you read Ephesians 1:3-14?
3. What are your thoughts on the concept of Prevenient Grace?
4. When have you felt/known God's grace in your life?
5. How can you be a part of God's Grace in someone else's life?