

## EKKLESIA

We Are Chosen  
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- Open in prayer.
- Read Colossians 3:11 and Galatians 3:28 CSB.
  - Why did the ekklesia—the family of God—challenge and shatter the social barriers of that day?  
(HINT: It broke down the following barriers—ethnicity, class, gender)
  - Why is it important for us as the family of God to be a multiethnic, multigenerational, and a diverse socio-economic community?
- Pastor Paul said, “In culture we are identified by our people, practices, possessions and professions. In Christ we are identified by His presence.”
  - Why is it important for us to place our identity in Christ?
  - What do we mean when we say we are color blessed, not color blind?
  - How does placing our identity in Christ change the way we look at ourselves and others?
- Pastor Paul encouraged us to find scriptures that have the phrases (in Christ, in Him, in Jesus).  
Read and discuss the following scriptures:
  - Romans 3:24
  - Romans 8:1
  - Romans 12:5
  - Galatians 3:28
  - Ephesians 2:10
  - Colossians 2:9-10
- Read and discuss Colossians 3:12a.
- Discuss the following statements by Pastor Paul and why they are contrary to our culture today.
  - “We’re not chosen because of who we are or what we’ve done.”
  - “We’re chosen because of who Christ is and what He’s done.”
- Discuss what it means to be holy and dearly loved...what does it look like in the way we live our everyday lives?

- Read Colossians 3:12b – 17.
  - How has God empowered us to live as His family?
  - Discuss each of the following characteristics He has given us to “put on” in our lives. Share any life examples you may have of each.
    - Compassion
    - Kindness
    - Humility
    - Gentleness
    - Patience
    - Love
  
- What practical ways can we live out Colossians 3:16a, “let the word of Christ dwell richly among you...”?
  
- God has chosen us and empowers us to live together as His family as a witness to the world.
  - Read John 13:34-35 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.
  - Why is it important for us to live life together with people who are different from us beyond the four walls of the building where Transformers meet on Sunday?
  - What does it look like for you to be an “ambassador for Christ” at home, at school, at work, in our communities?
  
- **Soul-tattoo:** Allow God’s love to transform us so that others see Christ in us.
  
- Close in prayer.