

3. For an _____, God the Spirit has _____.

- The Spirit is given as a guarantee of our _____.
- The Spirit is given as a guarantee of our _____.
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ANCHORED

HANGING ON TO WHAT MATTERS

Anchored to the Gospel

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Today we're jumping into our 2020 Fall Challenge Series we're calling ANCHORED. Don't think boats. . . think CLIMBING. In climbing, anchors are critical and essential. What is true in climbing, is true in life. We need anchors! This Fall, as we jump back into a quick review of Ephesians, we'll see 4 critical and essential anchors for life. Today, let's talk about being anchored to the Gospel . . .

1. In _____, God the Father _____.

- The Father chose us _____.
- The Father chose us _____.
- The Father chose us _____.

2. By _____, Jesus the Son _____.

- Jesus redeemed us _____.
- Jesus redeemed us through _____ to _____
our _____.
- Jesus redeemed us _____.

NEXT WEEK:

Anchored: Hanging on to What Matters

Anchored to the Church | Ephesians 2-4

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Anchored to Christ

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

It's hard to believe that this COVID craziness continues. How are you holding up? What's the best thing and hardest thing about COVID this Fall?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's word) together)*

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 as you come together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. We're talking about the necessity of ANCHORS this Fall. What happens if we're not hooked into or hanging on to the right anchors? (Play with the climbing metaphor!)
3. How is the Gospel anchor given to us in Ephesians 1 THICK? How is it SECURE? How does it make circumstances in the world and in our lives seem small and short?

4. What tend to be your functional anchors? In other words, when you're not anchored to the Gospel, where do you tend to look for your identity, your salvation and your security? (Money, success, appearance, influence, family, power, what you know, who you know, achievement, strength, health and more can all be false anchors.)

5. **Growth Group as Family:** What is one way you plan to intentionally and strategically anchor to the Gospel this Fall?

PRAY *(use these prompts to start your prayer time together)*

- Pray for the elimination of Covid-19 and those suffering because of it.
- Pray for one another and your anchoring to the Gospel this Fall.
- Share needs and pray for one another and your families.

WRITE *(use this space to write notes, prayer requests, etc.)*
