

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: God's Plan for the World

Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

Date: 11th January 2026 (AM)

- What have you read in the Bible this week that has challenged or encouraged you?
- Have you seen any answers to prayer?
- Any opportunities to talk about the Lord Jesus with anyone?
- Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and praying for one another.

Read Ephesians 1:1-14

1. How does the idea of being chosen "before the foundation of the world" (v. 4) shape the way we think about God's initiative and our identity?
2. Paul says the Father predestined us "in love" (v. 5). What does that phrase add to your understanding of predestination?
3. Paul speaks of God revealing "the mystery of his will" in Christ (vv. 9-10). What do you think Paul means by "mystery" here, and how does Christ make it known?
4. In verse 11, Paul says we have obtained an inheritance. What do you think he means by inheritance, and how does that shape Christian hope?
5. Paul describes the Spirit as both a seal and a guarantee (v. 14). How do these two images help you understand the Spirit's role in the Christian life?

Pray for:

- Alpha starting this week
- Plans for our February holiday club
- The appointment of a contractor for the Tiger Project
- Those in our church family who are unwell or bereaved