

GAME PLAN MS

I AM IN CHRIST

SERIES: GOD IS HOLY - I AM A SINNER/SAINT

This series walks through the book of Ephesians and compares God's holiness to our sinfulness. Yet, when our abiding position is in Christ, we are no longer dead in our sins; rather, we are being made more like Jesus. We are becoming saints. This series helps students understand the tension of what they already are in Christ and what they are not yet, but are promised to be.

Ephesians 1:3 - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"*

Ephesians 4:1 - *"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called."*

Ephesians 6:19-20 - *"To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."*

GUIDES:

- Each guide in this series walks through a section of Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. Over 14 weeks, we will study through the whole book from beginning to end.
- The truths in this series focus on gospel realities in the life of a Jesus follower: we were dead, now we have been made alive. God turns sinners into saints and calls us to walk accordingly, longing to be what we have been declared to be.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

- Talk about spiritual disciplines. Use this book study as an opportunity to teach middle schoolers healthy hermeneutics-- how do we rightly interpret God's Word? Teach them Bible study methods-- what tools can we use to study Scripture.
- Help them institute healthy rhythms of discipline in study of God's Word. Help them start to read the Bible every day.
- If students don't already have a study Bible, now is a great time to encourage them to get one, or buy one for your son or daughter.
- Remember that you will never exhaust every truth from a biblical passage. There will be so much more in ten verses of Ephesians 1 than you will be able to cover. Use the Big Truth as an anchor, and Big Ideas as unpacking implications.
- Ephesians is full of practical charges for the Jesus follower. We are called to walk according to our calling (4:1). Help students move from general truths about God and the gospel to specific truths applied to and lived out in their lives.

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The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.



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