

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
AUGUST 29, 2021

**THE DECREES OF GOD**  
**EPHESIANS 1:11-12**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

God's comprehensive and all-wise purpose should bring great praise to God's name and great comfort to God's people.

- I. The Special Purpose of God (v.11a)
- II. The Comprehensive Purpose of God (v.11b)
- III. The Wise Purpose of God (v.11c)
- IV. The Response to God's Purpose (v.12)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

1. Have you struggled with the comprehensive nature of God's decree? How have you studied scripture to answer questions?
2. Why must we remain within the bounds of biblical revelation when considering God's decree? What are the dangers if we break through this boundary?
3. Have you ever pondered the comfort of God's decree? What ways do you find God's eternal plan comforting?
4. Does God's decree have a place in evangelism? Why or why not? Does it limit our evangelism?

**FURTHER READING:** Ex 33:19; Deut. 29:29; John 19:11; Acts 2:23; Acts 4:27-28; Rom 9:21-23; James 1:13; 1 John 1:5; Rev 4:11