

SECURELY SNATCHED

COLOSSIANS 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son...

I. The Identity of the Snatcher

II. The Impotence of the Shackled

III. The Indescribability of the Shift

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What do you own that has great value to you that might not be as valuable to others?

Into the Bible

2. Ephesians chapter 2 opens with a couple of very specific word pictures. We are described as dead in trespasses and sin, as well as being children of wrath. How do those two pictures help us understand what we were like before the gospel? What characterizes us prior to that transformation?

3. Read Colossians 2:8-15. How does this passage work together with the passage in Ephesians 2? What similarities do you see? What contrasts? How did God, in His eternal wisdom and grace, deal with “what we were?”

Application

4. We are living in an uncertain time. How does an understanding of our salvation, both what it is and how we gain it, impact our thinking? In other words, does it matter that God saves apart from my own ability? Why does it matter?

5. Colossians 1 says that we have been transferred from one kingdom to another. What are some specific ways that we are called to live as kingdom citizens right now (hint: we have seen several in Matthew 5)? If you are comfortable, share some areas that you might struggle to live out this kingdom citizenship, and invite those in your group to be praying for you.

For Families

6. There are many great stories that revolve around a rescue of some kind. Consider sharing one of your favorites with your kids this week. Then, help your kids understand the rescue message of the gospel. Who saves us? What are we saved from? What are we saved for? For older kids, see if they can fill in some of these answers based on their understanding of the gospel message.