8.14.2016 – week 1



## the value of life

"The true wonder of human beings is not that we are sinners, but that even in our sin we are haunted by goodness, that even in the mud we can never wholly forget the stars." – William Barclay

**Before Birth** You were not an afterthought. You were a forethought. (I Peter 1:1-2) Rather you have been pre-determined for the purposes of God.

Ephesians 1:3-6	In love – To be holy and blameless
	To be adopted into God's family for His glory
Romans 8:29-30 I Corinthians 2:7	To be conformed to the image of Christ
	To receive glory
Ephesians 1:11	To obtain an inheritance
Ephesians 2:6	To be an example of His grace and kindness
Ephesians 2:10	To accomplish His work on earth

Example Jeremiah 1:4-5 (notice "before" twice) I knew you I created you I appointed you (also see Isaiah 49:1; 44:2, 24; 46:4-5) **During Life** The experiences of dying and death o Gain their value from foreknowledge and predestination o Gain their freedom from the promises of Christ (John 11:23-26, I John 5:11-12) The reality to remember is: To value our days (Psalm 90:12) To know the limit of our days (Psalm 39:4-5, Psalm 139:16)

To conduct our lives with awe (I Peter 1:17)

## Discussion