

**Big Idea Template  
(worksheet)**

Passage: Ephesians 1:12-14 NLT		Development	
		Step 1. Exegesis. Exact words from your translation.	Step 2. Hermeneutics. Restate as timeless truths.
<b>Discovery</b>	The Big Idea...	The Good News	The Gospel: It's definition, purpose and pathway.
	1. ...Supporting idea...	God saves you	1. The definition of the gospel. Vs. 13
	a. ...question	What does God save us from?	Come up with a list of answers here.
	2. ...supporting idea...	God's purpose	2. The purpose of the gospel. Vs. 12,14
	a. ...defining idea.	Bring praise...to God	a. Is for everyone to celebrate what God has done.
	b. ...defining idea.	And bring glory...to God	b. Is for everyone to acknowledge who God is.
	3. ...supporting idea...	We...now you...	3. The pathway of the gospel. Vs. 12-14
	a...defining idea.	The first to trust in Christ	a. Starts with a believer
	b...defining idea.	you heard the truth	b. Who shares it with someone else
	c...defining idea.	You believed in Christ	c. Who then trusts in the Lord
	c. ...defining idea.	Giving you the Holy Spirit	d. Who is immediately given the Holy Spirit
	e. ...sub-ideas.	(1) Identifies us as His own (2) Promised long ago (3) God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance he promised.	(1) Which marks us as belonging to God. (2) Who was spoken of by Jesus. (3) Who is God's unbreakable pledge about our eternal future. (4) Who reminds us of the cost of our salvation.

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		(4) That he purchased us to be his own	
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**Step 3. Homiletics.** Combine Steps 1 and 2. You will do this for the next lesson.

Notes.

1. I had to modify the chart to accommodate the outline I created. I wanted you to get an idea of how to keep the strategy of moving from Big to Supporting to Defining ideas but not letting the boxes keep you from creating what you see in the passage.