

K-GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE #4

SERIES – Extreme Makeover: *How Grace Remodels Our Lives*

MESSAGE – “What is the Role of ‘Works’ in the Christian Life”

PASSAGE – Romans 2:6-11

On the surface, Romans 2:6-11 appears to teach that we are saved by our works? Why do we know that this is not Paul’s point? Check out Ephesians 2:8-10 for a clue.

What role to works play in “religion” (to use the term pejoratively)? How is this different from Christianity’s view of works?

So, what role to “works” play in the life of a Christian? Check out Matt. 7:15-20 for a clue.

Bonus for Parents: How might this understanding of works (root vs fruit) affect parenting?

In what way are works a “spiritual diagnostic” or evidence of spiritual life? You may want to engage with the concept of “God first works FOR us; he then works IN us.”

Discuss the distinction between cheap grace and costly grace and how they affect the life of the professing Christian.

What is the difference between a genuine believer and a make-believer?

Time permitting, discuss this quote from C.K. Chesterton and how it relates to the Christian life: “*Men did not love Rome because she was great. She was great because they loved her.*”