



# 5 EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE CHURCH

**FACILITATOR**: You can go over GROUND RULES  
if you think its needed.

REMINDE to the GROUP that when  
they see this symbol **[Q]** it means  
we are supposed to ASK a question  
and **take time** to answer it together.

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## **EVENT #5...** *How You Shaped the Church* (present)

### **FACILITATOR ASK...**

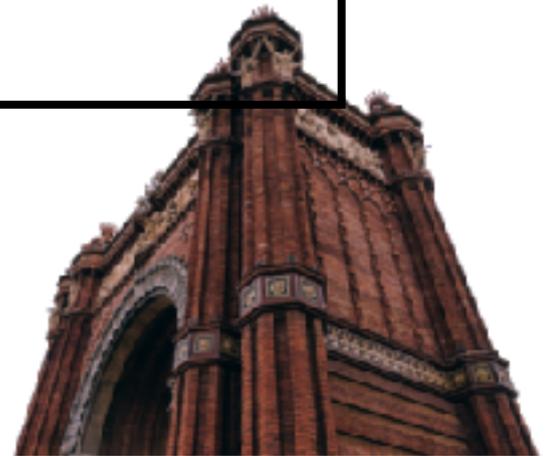
**[Q]** Who are some of the most famous people that are professing Christians? (Do their lives live that way?)

**[Q]** When people who are rich and famous live out their faith is their impact for the kingdom more than yours?

Name (as a group) the most influential Christ Followers that we know personally! Why are they influential?

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Hand the device to the person arrived tonight **First**.



## READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10 to the Group...

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>**But** God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Talk about the UNDERLINED Words in context.

Hand the device to the person with the **SHORTEST** name.

Here are the words & phrases again...

<sup>1</sup> **were dead...**

<sup>3</sup> **like the rest of mankind...**

<sup>4</sup> **But...**

<sup>4</sup> **great love with which He loved us...**

<sup>8</sup> **For by grace you have been saved through faith...**

<sup>10</sup> **workmanship**

<sup>10</sup> **in...**

<sup>10</sup> **for...**

<sup>10</sup> **Walk in them...**

**[Q]** What do these verses (specifically these words and phrases) say to us about our own stories?

Hand the device back to the **Facilitator**



# Read the Group...

Many times in our faith we come to learn specific Scripture that we feel really summarizes our REDEMPTION story.

We can call these “**Life Verse(s)**”

Ask each person that shares the following set of questions...

**[Q]** Can anyone share their Life Verse(s)?

**[Q]** Why did you choose these as your Life Verse(s)?

**[Q]** How did you come to find these verses?

Keep going FACILITATOR...

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End by READING the following statements...

It's OK if you don't have a Life Verse. But I would encourage you to take the time to search for one.

Be thinking about people you can share your story with this week. Be ready to share your life verse with them.

Remember you are God's WORKMANSHIP!  
Sometimes (most of the time) that means He is still working on us!

Don't let your failures stop you from sharing your/His story!

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Close in prayer as a group.

