

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: October 16, 2017

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Death. It is the great equalizer of men. According to Paul, before coming to Christ we were dead. Our sins and trespasses were both the cause and effect of our spiritual death. In light of this explanation from Paul, why is salvation so miraculous?
2. According to verse 2, who are non-believers following? Why is repentance necessary for salvation?
3. But God. Talk together in your class about the power of these two words. Have you ever had a "but God" moment in your life?
4. Salvation is by grace through faith. It can't be earned by the works of any person. How then does grace spur us on to good works in the name of Christ?
5. Even though John Newton knew he was saved, he grieved the many lives that were destroyed and lost through his work on slave ships. His understanding of his own sin helped give him inspiration to write his greatest hymn, *Amazing Grace*. How has your sinful past helped you to better understand and appreciate God's grace?
6. According to these verses, you were once held captive in your sin. The gospel has set you free. In what ways have you experienced freedom as a result of your relationship to Christ?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Ephesians 2:4-5. Talk about what grace is and why it is so amazing.