



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 22, 2017

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

1. A little boy stood at the top of a ladder and looked down at his daddy, who urged the boy to jump into his arms. The little boy was terrified, but eventually he jumped. He had faith in his dad. What are the elements of faith that are necessary to convince a child to jump into his father's arms? How are these same elements necessary for us to trust Christ for salvation?
2. Why does it take faith to trust in God's word? How is this faith not a "blind" faith?
3. Read James 2:18-23. Our works do not save us, but they are important. What do our works show about our relationship to Christ?
4. Last Sunday, Pastor Craig said, "A faith that saves is a faith that stays." What does this mean?
5. The reformers emphasized the importance of both grace and faith, but in different ways. Salvation is *by* grace *through* faith. Why is it important to remember that we are saved in this way?
6. Paul implies in Ephesians 2 that God is completely responsible for your salvation. Even your faith is not considered a "work" by which you earn your salvation. How does this reality affect the way you live for Christ?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Ephesians 2:8-9. Discuss how we can praise God for our salvation.