

WK 6 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //

Date: Week Beginning 20.05.18

Topic: "Created for good works, prepared beforehand."

Text: **Ephesians 2:10** *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

STUDY 6 // CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS

How do you feel when someone has gone before you and prepared something good for you to enjoy? Whether it be a meal or a holiday, to realise that someone has spent time and effort designing and experience for you to enjoy is a wonderful feeling. In this our sixth week of our teaching series, we look at this amazing truth, that God has handcrafted good works for us to walk and participate in.

What are these good works? Many of us would be inclined to answer by pointing to specific things Christians do as an expression of faith. Good works might include: attending worship services, praying regularly, studying Scripture, giving generously financially, joining a connect group, going on mission trips, etc. These are surely among the good works God has prepared for us. We rightly engage in these activities as people who have been transformed by God's grace through Christ. But, if we think of good works only in these terms, we miss the truth that God's plan for our good works is much broader and deeper.

The good works of verse 10 are not just religious activities scattered throughout an otherwise secular life. Rather, the good works encompass the whole life of a disciple of Christ. Ephesians 2:10 would encourage us to see our whole life as an interconnected series of good works offered to God.

READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10

What does being 'saved by grace' mean to you?

How do good works show up in your daily life as a Christian?



SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //

Read John 4:1-45 - "Walking Into A Good Conversation"

Discuss things that stood out to you as you read through this passage?

Read & Discuss John 4:1-8

What stops you from starting a conversation with anyone?

Read & Discuss John 4:9-10

What barriers does Jesus cross to start this conversation?
How much room do we make in our life for other people?

Read & Discuss John 4:11-15

What sticks out to you about Jesus' comments?
What is the significance of thirst? How do we incorporate everyday life into our Jesus conversations?

Read & Discuss John 4:16-26

How do we ask questions that lead to Jesus?
What stops us from going deep with people?

Read & Discuss John 4:27-38

What lessons does Jesus teach His disciples?
How are they applicable to us today?

Read & Discuss John 4:39-45

What does the end of this story reveal about the power of just starting a conversation?



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //

1. What has God spoken to you about in this study?
2. Share some reasons why people might not want to step into a conversation.
3. What good works might you step into this week?

SERIES OBJECTIVES //

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

- 1. Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BEYOND'**
- 2. Provide a Biblical perspective of OUTREACH and DISCIPLESHIP.**
- 3. Overcome personal fears and perceived barriers to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with people.**
- 4. Actively deploy each of our God given gifts as disciples of Jesus, for the mission of making disciples of Jesus.**

PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //

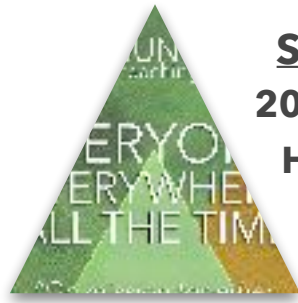
How can I pray for you this week?



SERMON NOTES

Date: Week 6

Topic: 'EVERYONE



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