

OMNIGROUP LESSON NOTES

The Messy Work

Faith Works Part 2

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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in 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 -- ³among 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. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved -- ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Discussion

1. Identity in Christ:

- **“God’s handiwork”:** Discuss what it means to be crafted by God and how does this shape our identity?

2. Purpose of Our Creation:

- **“Created in Christ Jesus to do good works”:** Identify ways we have been called to do good works in our daily lives.

3. The Origin of Good Works:

- **“Which God prepared in advance for us to do”:** How do we discern the works God has prepared for us?

4. Interplay of Faith and Works:

- **Faith leading to works:** How can we see the evidence of faith in our works?

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does knowing you are God's handiwork change your perspective on your self-worth and purpose?
2. How can we ensure that our good works stem from faith and not from a desire for personal glory?
3. Can you share a personal experience where your faith led you to do something you wouldn't have done otherwise?

PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISE REPORTS

CARE: Follow-up during the week