

The Faith Message Series

Grace: You Can't Do It

Discussion Questions

- 1) Icebreaker: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- 2) Read Ephesians 2:1-3.
 - a) Why do you think Paul uses the image of being “dead” to describe the result of sin?
- 3) According to Paul, all people are guilty of following the course of the world, the devil, and the flesh. How do you see his definition of sin describing you?
- 4) What does Paul mean by “children of wrath”?
- 5) Read Romans 2:5 and 6:23.
 - a) What’s your reaction to what the Bible says about God’s judgment?
- 6) Describe your faith/church background.
 - a) How would you characterize your relationship with God growing up?
 - b) What about now?
 - c) If it’s different, what changed?
- 7) Read Ephesians 2:4-7.
 - a) Why is “But God” such a major turning point in the passage?
 - b) What does it say about your actions vs. God’s actions in salvation?
- 8) What does grace mean?
- 9) Read Ephesians 1:20.
 - a) What parallels do you see between this verse and Ephesians 2:7?
 - b) Why are the similarities significant?
- 10) Read Ephesians 2:8-10.
 - a) What role does “good works” play in the life of a follower of Jesus?
 - b) How are our “activities” related to our “identity”?