

Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 15, 2023

Ephesians 2:1-9 – We Were the Walking Dead... BUT GOD

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Have everyone introduce themselves and share...
 - 1) Where they grew up
 - 2) How long they have lived in the Vail Valley
 - 3) What brought them to the Vail Valley
- Share a time you were in a situation where you couldn't help yourself and someone else helped you.
- What were some of your thoughts and feelings towards that person?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Naturally, we are all spiritually dead, BUT GOD has made us alive through faith in Christ.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read – Ephesians 2:1-9

- What do these verses teach us regarding our guilt of sin and God's forgiveness?
- Have you ever experienced feeling condemned? What was that like?

Read – John 3:16-17

- Why did Jesus come into the world?
- Why did Jesus NOT come into the world?

Read – Romans 8:1-2

- Since there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, why do you think many believers still feel condemned by God?

Read – John 16:8 (HE = the Holy Spirit)

- In this verse, what does Jesus say is the job of the Holy Spirit?
- What is the difference between CONDEMNATION and CONVICTION?

Read – Romans 6:7-8 and 11

- How does knowing that your “old man” is dead help you to follow Jesus?
- Share some ways your life has changed since you began following Jesus.

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports. Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week. Close with a time of prayer.