

■ GOSPEL: The Mission of God

Text: Ephesians 2:1–10

Theme: The gospel is not just about saving individuals—it's about raising the spiritually dead, redeeming them into a new humanity, and sending them on mission for the glory of God and the renewal of all things.

■ Thesis

We were dead in sin, but God, being rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ. The gospel doesn't just rescue us from hell—it remakes us for a purpose. God's mission is to redeem a people who reflect His glory and extend His kingdom by walking in the good works He prepared in advance.

■ Introduction

Too often we reduce the gospel to a moment—one prayer, one decision, one ticket to heaven. But Paul paints a fuller picture: the gospel is a movement. It begins with death and ends in purpose. From graves to grace to good works. The good news is not just about where we're going—it's about what we're becoming.

■ Correlating Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:17–20

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors."

■ ■ Quote to Anchor the Soul

"The gospel is not just the ABCs of the Christian life, but the A to Z." — Tim Keller

■ Group Discussion Questions

■ From Death to Life

Paul says we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Why is it important to understand the depth of our spiritual condition before Christ?

How does truly grasping our 'deadness' magnify the mercy and love of God?

■ But God...

Ephesians 2:4–5 contains one of the most powerful transitions in Scripture: "But God..." Why is this the turning point of the gospel story?

What does it mean to you personally that God intervened when you had nothing to offer?

■ Raised with Christ

What does it practically mean to be 'raised with Christ' and seated with Him in the heavenly places?

How should this change the way we view ourselves and our daily lives?

■ Saved for a Purpose

According to Ephesians 2:10, we are saved not just from something but for something. What are some of the 'good works' God may be calling you into?

How can we discern and walk in those works individually and as a group?

■ The Mission of God

How does this passage reshape your understanding of the gospel's mission in the world?

What would it look like for your life to be fully aligned with God's mission of reconciliation and renewal?

■ Application Questions

- What part of your life still feels shaped more by 'deadness' than new life? Where do you need to receive and apply the grace of God this week?
- Who in your life is still spiritually dead? How can you prayerfully and practically participate in God's mission to bring them life?
- What is one good work God might be calling you to walk in this week? How can your group help each other step into it?

■ Prayer Guide

- Praise God for His mercy and love that made us alive when we were dead in sin.
- Confess areas where you've settled for a passive view of salvation instead of stepping into His mission.
- Thank Him for creating you in Christ for a purpose—and ask for courage to walk in the works He's prepared.
- Intercede for friends or family who need resurrection life through Jesus.
- Pray for your group to be a people on mission—full of grace, truth, and good works that glorify God.

■ Discipling Reflection

- What would change if we truly believed we were God's workmanship—crafted by grace, empowered by the Spirit, and sent with purpose?
- How will you live this week like someone sent on mission?