

## April 26, 2026 Study Guide

### 1. From Death to Life (Ephesians 2:1–10)

**Key Thought:** We were dead in sin—but God made us alive.

#### Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be “spiritually dead”? How is that different from being “spiritually weak”?
  - Why is it important to understand that we could not save ourselves?
  - How does “But God...” (v. 4) change everything in this passage?
  - What stands out to you about God’s motivation (mercy and love)?
  - Verse 10 says we are God’s workmanship—how should that shape how you view your life and purpose?
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### 2. From Far Away to Brought Near (Ephesians 2:11–18)

**Key Thought:** We were separated and without hope—but Jesus brought us near.

#### Discussion Questions:

- What are the four ways Paul describes life without Christ in verses 11–12?
  - Why would this message have been especially powerful for Gentiles?
  - What does it mean that Jesus “is our peace”?
  - How does being at peace with God affect how we treat others?
  - Where do you see division today that the gospel could heal?
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### 3. From Outsiders to Family (Ephesians 2:19–22)

**Key Thought:** We are no longer outsiders—we are God’s household.

#### Discussion Questions:

- What images does Paul use to describe our new identity (citizens, family, temple)?
  - What does it mean that we are now the “dwelling place of God”?
  - How should being part of God’s family change how we live daily?
  - Do you still live more like an outsider or a family member? Why?
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#### Reflection Question

- Do you live with a sense of awe that you are part of God’s family? Why or why not?

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## **Application**

- Spend time this week thanking God specifically for His grace in your life.
- Identify one relationship where you can actively pursue peace.
- Walk intentionally in the “good works” God has prepared for you.