

The Church... A *Master* Planned Community
Before and After Photos... *Looking Back to Move Ahead* (Eph. 2:1-10)
Small Group Study Questions for the week of Feb 15-22

GETTING STARTED

Many psychologists today hold to the idea that we are born “*Tabula Raza*”, or clean slate. This essentially means we are born morally neutral and it’s our environment that influences us to become “good” or “evil.” Would you agree or disagree with this idea? Why/Why not? How might Ephesians 2:1-3 sway our view on this?

DIGGING DEEP

Read through Ephesians 2:1-10 together as a group

1. From v.1-3, what can we learn about being dead in our transgressions and sins?
2. How would you describe “the ways of this world”? What do they look like today?
3. Do you feel people actively or passively follow the “ruler of the kingdom of the air,” or “Satan” today? Explain your answer.
4. How do we “gratify the cravings of our sinful nature”? Do we have control over that or not? Why/Why not?
5. In v.4-5, what did God actually do on our behalf? Why did he do this? What were his motives?
6. V.5 and 8-9 talk about our being “saved by grace through faith.” How would you explain this to a junior high student?
7. In v.9 it says we’ve been saved or rescued “not by works so that no one can boast.” What is the big deal about “boasting”?
8. Take a few minutes in your group and have many people tell their story how they first put their faith or trust in Christ.
9. What impact might the truth of v.6-7 have on us today?
10. Does v.10 contradict v.8-9? Why/Why not?

A MATTER OF PRAYER

11. What influence could v.10 have on our level of motivation towards our relationship with God?
12. What are some “good works” to do that you have not done, but would like to do in your lifetime?

Next Week: Ephesians 2:11-22