

Discussion Questions

May 23 – May 29

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1. What's something you are really excited about for this summer...anything fun or exciting on the horizon?
2. We discussed this weekend how Ephesians 2:1-10 gives a clear and concise explanation of what life transformation in Jesus looks like. We called it "The Gospel Elevator Pitch." Read Ephesians 2:1-3. We first said this weekend:

Without Jesus, I was dead in my sin, separated from God and destined for his wrath. (v.1-3)

What does it mean to be "dead in your sin?" Do you believe people in general do not like discussing or hearing about God's wrath? Why is it important to teach and discuss God's wrath?

3. Read Ephesians 2:4-9. We said this weekend the second statement in "The Gospel Elevator Pitch" according to Ephesians 2:1-10 is:

But God, by his love, mercy, and grace, made me alive in Christ when I trusted in Jesus. (v.4-9)

Why is the phrase "But God..." so critical in this passage? Define in your own words these three critical words regarding salvation as found in v.4-9: Mercy, Grace and Faith. How do they all work together regarding salvation?

4. Read Ephesians 2:10. We finished "The Gospel Elevator Pitch" according to Ephesians 2:1-10 with this statement:

And I'm God's masterpiece, uniquely designed in Christ to do great works for my God. (v.10)

What goes through your mind hearing from God's Word that you are his handiwork, his masterpiece, the apex of his creation?

5. What are some ways you believe God has uniquely gifted you to do "good works" for him? Close by praying for one another...that God would use your group to do great things for his kingdom and glory.

Bible References

Ephesians 2:1-10

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴ But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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