



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of October 31, 2021

Sermon: "Who Gets The Credit?"

Text: Ephesians 2:8-10

SUMMARY

Your great salvation, from beginning to end, is the result of God's free grace and not your own working, and therefore your only confidence and boast is in his work.

FOR GROUPS

What is grace? How are you tempted to believe grace is simply "extra" favor that we don't merit, instead of God's favor in spite of our active demerit?

What would change about the gospel or God's character if his grace was not truly free but dependent on our own working?

In what ways do you tend to think of faith as strictly "personal" or coming from your own effort or goodness? If your faith originates only from you, how does that change our understanding of God's grace in salvation?

In what ways do you find yourself believing a gospel of "self-help", elevating yourself and your own work or faith to the detriment of God's glory? What are we missing out on when we do this?

Do you compare yourself to other Christians who seem to have "stronger" faith? How does the gospel of free grace through faith demolish boasting in the intensity of our faith?

Like the Corinthians put their names and resumes on buildings, what are ways that you "put your name on" or boast in your own good works, believing that they come from only from your own strength?

When boasting is eliminated, the ground for true obedience is established. How does knowing that you are God's beautiful "workmanship" lead you towards obedience and good works before God?

What good works may God be "preparing that you may walk in"? How can you walk in them this week boasting in his grace and not your own?