



## **Table Group Discussion Questions**

**Series: Words We Thought We Knew**

**Title: "Salvation"**

### **Icebreaker / Getting Started (10-15 minutes)**

1. Has anyone ever come to your rescue in a moment when you really needed it — a flat tire, a crisis, an unexpected lifeline? What did that feel like?
2. Is there a word or concept from your faith background that you've had to "relearn" at some point — where you realized it meant something bigger or different than you originally thought?

### **Digging into the Scripture & Sermon (15-20 minutes)**

3. The sermon described salvation not just as rescue, but as God putting things back together — wholeness restored after sin pulled things apart. How does that bigger picture change the way you understand what Jesus came to do?
4. Walk through the Genesis 1–11 progression together: creation, fracture, fragmentation. Where do you see those same fractures — between people and God, people and each other, people and creation — playing out in the world today?
5. Ephesians 2:8–9 says salvation is not from yourselves — it's a gift. Why do you think it's so hard for people (and maybe for us personally) to actually receive something we can't earn or contribute to?
6. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18 that the message of the cross is "to those who are being saved" — present tense, ongoing. What does it mean to you that salvation isn't just a past event but something still actively happening?

### **Personal Reflection (15-20 minutes)**

7. The sermon broke salvation into three tenses:
  - Past — saved from the penalty of sin (adoption, declared righteous)
  - Present — being saved from the power of sin (ongoing struggle)
  - Future — will be saved from the presence of sin (new creation)

Which of those three feels most real or meaningful to you right now — and which one is hardest to hold onto?

8. The C.S. Lewis Pegasus analogy suggested that being a Christian isn't about being a better-trained version of yourself — it's about becoming a new kind of creature altogether. Does that resonate with your experience? Where do you still feel like you're just "knocking over hurdles"?
9. The story of the Chilean miners was a gut punch — rescued, celebrated, then forgotten. Have you ever felt like salvation was just the beginning of your story but nobody told you what comes next? How has your understanding of purpose after rescue grown or changed?

### **Action & Follow-Up (15-20 minutes)**

10. Ephesians 2:10 says you were "created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance." This week, sit quietly and ask: What is the work God saved me for? Write down whatever comes to mind — don't filter it. Bring it back to the group next week.
11. The sermon said that when we sing and worship on Sunday, it's a dress rehearsal for a life of worship out in the world. Pick one specific way this week to treat your ordinary work, relationships, or responsibilities as an act of worship. Name it out loud to the group so you can check in on it.
12. Is there an area of your life where you're still living like you haven't been adopted — performing, striving, afraid of being cut from the family? Take that to God in prayer this week, and if you're comfortable, share it with one person in the group.

### **Close in Prayer**

As a group, pray through each tense of salvation:

- **Past:** Thank God for the moment everything changed — that you are a forever child of God.
- **Present:** Ask for the power of God to work against whatever sin you're actively struggling with.
- **Future:** Lift your eyes toward new creation — that God will one day make all things whole again.

Close by reading **Acts 4:12** aloud together as a declaration of where salvation comes from and who the Savior is.