

PART 2 - HOW "DO NOT ENTER" BECAME "COME ON IN"

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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MESSAGE NOTES

BIG IDEA FOR THE WEEK: HOSPITALITY IS GOD'S
______, AS OUR SIN MADE US OUTSIDERS—
BUT GOD IS INVITING US BACK TO HIM

1. SIN IS HUMANS' DEFAULT ______
TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF A LIFE "OUT THERE"

2. HOSPITALITY IS GOD'S GRACIOUS ______
FOR PEOPLE TO FIND HOPE "IN HERE"

SMALL GROUP AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group

- 1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?
- 2. What words or phrases in verses 1–3 stand out to you most? How do they describe our natural condition before Christ?
- 3. Verse 4 begins with "But God..." How do those two words change everything?
- 4. Paul says we've been "raised up" and "seated with Christ" What does that suggest about how God loves us and cares for us?
- 5. How does Ephesians 2 show that God is hospitable? How should we respond to this hospitality? Why?
- 6. What would it look like for hospitality to be a lifestyle of grace that makes people feel seen and valued, rather than merely "hosting"?
- 7. Verse 10 says we are created for "good works." What might one practical act of hospitality look like as a "good work" prepared by God for you this week?

God, hospitality is Your invitation to the humans You created and love. Thank You for Your great love and mercy that sent Jesus to us. Help me to welcome others, just as I am welcomed by You into Your family. I want to live and love like You. In Your Name, Jesus, amen.

2. OPPORTUNITY

J. ORIENTATION

BIC IDEA: INVITATION