

## Ephesians 2:1-10 Study Questions

Why do Christians get so excited about God's "grace?"

We often see songs and books about "Amazing Grace," We name our children and our churches "Grace." What is all the fuss about? This passage reveals the truth about grace and beautifully explains why God's grace is simply extraordinary! The reality of what God has done for us shows why it is worth celebrating for all eternity.

For good news to truly be appreciated, it must be contrasted by the bad news. In this second chapter of Ephesians, Paul begins to tell us about our condition apart from Christ and the reality is, it's much worse than we think. This is what makes the cure greater than we can dare to dream.

Ice breaker: Share with your group members your "But God" moment (your salvation story). Express to the group what you felt, what you experienced, what changes became evident for you. Then, reflect together on the following questions:

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What stands out to you in these verses? If you had to explain this passage to someone, what would you say it's about?
2. Paul says bluntly "You were dead in trespasses and sin." Why do you think Paul states this so harshly? What does this show us about our condition before we met Christ? How does the *bad news* help us appreciate the *good news* even more?
3. We tend to view the problems in our world as either societal (the fault of culture), spiritual (the power of evil), or personal (the choices of individuals). Which of these do you tend to blame the most when you see pain and suffering? Why? In what ways does the Gospel challenge each of these areas?
4. Verse 4 begins with, "But God..." In a sense, those two words serve as a summary of the Gospel. We were dead, but God changed the trajectory of our stories. Why does God love us so much?
5. God made us alive and raised us up in Christ (vv.4-6). What does verse 7 say God desires to accomplish by this?
6. Our salvation is all about grace which is more than just mere enrichment. It gives life to the dead. It is God's free, underserved gift. We can't earn it and we certainly do not deserve it. Why do you think it's difficult for people to accept His grace as a free gift?
7. How does it make you feel to know that you are "His workmanship" (v. 10)? In what ways does it encourage you? In what ways does it inspire humility in you?
8. We were created "to do good works, which God prepared for us in advance to do?" (v. 10). How does this motivate you to keep your eyes open for those opportunities for good works? Who is one person you need to be a conduit of God's grace for this week?