

Once Upon A Time | October 16, 2022

Ephesians 2:1-10 (esp. 2:10) DISCUSSION GUIDE

TALK (get the conversation started; approximately 10 minutes)

- Share something you're thankful for...of course, you can share more than one thing.
- Share a time when someone's good work pointed you to Christ.
- How was your week? How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- How did you do with your application and responses from last week?

THINK (ask a question or two to get your group thinking; approximately 10 minutes)

- What was your **one thing** from the message/Sunday? What one thing have you been thinking about (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new thing you learned)?
- Which lie are you more likely to believe:
 1. We are saved by our own works
 2. It isn't necessary for the Christian faith to produce good works?

READ (open scripture and read Ephesians 2:1-10; approximately 3 minutes)

- This is the third week reading, re-reading Ephesians 2:1-10...try to listen with new ears.
- Read the passage aloud, everyone follow along in your copy of Scripture.
- Re-read the same passage, everyone simply listen as the Word is read aloud.

DISCUSS (meditate on and talk about what was just read; approximately 40 minutes; use HEAR)

- **Highlight:** What stands out to you (what you would highlight, underline, circle, make note of...)?
- **Explain:** How would you explain this passage to someone hearing it for the first time? What is the author's intended meaning in the context of the passage?
- **Apply:** What is the principle to live by today? How can this help me? What does this mean today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? (
- **Respond:** How will I respond to the application in my relationships and/or situations this week? What are you going to do about this?
- Because of your identity in Christ, God says that you are His workmanship. How can this truth impact your interactions with others and how you battle?
- For what purpose did God take over your life? What does this mean for us this week?
- Is a Christian ever completely rid of the cravings of the past—lust, selfishness, pride, etc.? Why or why not? What is the relationship between our new nature and our flesh? (Romans 7:18-19, 24-25)
- Other questions:
 - ✓ What does this passage say God has done?

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- ✓ What does this passage tell us about God? ...about humanity? ...about me?
- ✓ What does this passage teach us about the Gospel, the message of God providing a rescue plan for sinners through Jesus Christ?
- ***Complete this statement: "Based on what we've read and discussed, this week, I will..."***

PRAY (wrap up sharing and taking unhurried time to pray)

- If applicable, are there any updates to previous prayer requests or praises?
- How can we pray for one another? Do your best to limit the sharing to the needs within the group.
- How can we praise with one another?

CONNECTION (use these questions to help with accountability)

- Have you spent time in the Word and prayer this week? If not, what got in the way? If so, share something you learned or something that challenged you?
- Have you share the gospel or your testimony with anyone this week?
- Have you spent quality time with your family this week?
- Men, have you loved your wife well this past week?
- Ladies, have you respected your husband well this week?
- How have you loved the unlovable this week?