

Once Upon A Time

Ephesians 2:1-10 (esp. 2:1-3)

September 18, 2022
DISCUSSION GUIDE

TALK (get the conversation started; approximately 10 minutes)

- Share something great that happened this week.
- Share something you're thankful for...of course, you can share more than one thing.
- How was your week? How did you see God at work in your life this 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)?
- What is your origin story? Where did you come from (location, lifestyle, etc.)?
- What is your spiritual story? Who did you used to be? Who are you now? How did this come about?
- How were the course of this world, the prince of the power of the air, and your own passions at work in your life in your past?
- How do you see evidence of vs. 3 in the world around us? How does the world set goals or make decisions? How do you?

DIG (open scripture and read; approximately 3 minutes)

- 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?
- Other questions:
 - ✓ What does this passage say God has done?
 - ✓ 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?