

FRESH FAITH: EPHESIANS

WEEK 2 | WHAT GRACE DOES

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SERMON STUDY

Let's dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help guide your group discussion:

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

Sin is not so much an action as it is a condition. We're not sinners because we sin; we sin because we're sinners.

- Before we can embrace our identity in Christ, we must first understand the situation we are in apart from Christ. Can you share about a time when, like Paul did with the Ephesians, you've had to be very honest with someone about something in order to help them see the truth of their situation? Can you share about a time when someone needed to do the same for you?
- Do you see sin as a condition or as an action? How so?
- We have an enemy who is an identity thief and tries to get us to either think too lowly of ourselves or downplay the condition of sin. In what ways do you do either in your life?

Read Ephesians 2:4-7.

In our sin, we are dead and need to be rescued.

- God is a just God who doesn't sweep sin under the rug. But He's also gracious and gave up His life so you could be set free! In your own life, have you come to understand this truth? Why or why not?
- When we, as Christians, are "spiritually coasting" and not growing in our faith, it allows the enemy to gain ground like a roaring lion, opening us up to being devoured by sin. When have you felt like you are spiritually coasting?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

But God. It is only by God's grace that we can be saved.

- What did you used to be that God has redeemed? Examples: Bitter, angry, lost, unresponsive. How have you seen God change that in you?
- Jesus came to rescue us when we were dead in our sins. The word is "saved." Have you accepted this truth or are you still trying to earn God's grace on your own? If you've asked Jesus to rescue you from sin, could you share about that experience?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Here's an overview of what we're being challenged with this week in Daily Bible Reading:

Day 1: Psalm 51:12 | Fresh wind.

Day 2: Ephesians 2:1-3 | He's at work.

Day 3: Ephesians 2:6-7 | But God!

Day 4: Ephesians 2:8-9 | Saved by grace.

Day 5: Ephesians 2:10 | God's masterpiece.