

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 2:1-3

Extra Notes:

Sin and the child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet; they cannot live together in harmony --John R. W. Stott

1) Before Christ we were dead. (Eph. 2:1)

- We are sinners by nature, not by what we do. Explain this and give personal examples. What hope does John 3:16-18 offer us?
- Death is permanent separation from life. Therefore, what is Paul speaking about when referring to our spiritual resurrection with Christ? (See Romans 6:1-11.)
- Do you know anyone living under the “wrong equation”?

2) Before Christ we followed the wrong leader down the wrong path. (Eph. 2:2)

- Give examples of “*the course of this world.*” What does the course of Christ look like? (See Matt. 7:13-14)
- Give examples of how you see the “*prince of the power of the air*” working in this world? (See Matt. 4:1-11)
- What do you think it means to be a *slave to righteousness*? (See Romans 6:16-18)

3) Before Christ we lived in and of the world. (Eph. 2:3)

- In your opinion what does this statement mean: “*I am a saint who sins.*” (See Romans 7:18-25)
- Therefore, what safeguards can we place in our lives to make sure we live in the world, but not of the world?
- In Christ, we have moved from death to life, from sinner to saint. What does this look like in your life? Define life on the other side of the colon?

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