

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 2:4-10

Extra Notes:

As grace is first from God, so it is continually from him, as much as light is all day long from the sun, as well as at first dawn or at sun rising. –Jonathan Edwards

1) Grace that saves: We are made alive with Christ. (Eph. 2:4-5)

- According to personal experience, how would you define the love of God? How have you seen it in your life?
- Last study addressed the reality that death is permanent separation from life. In contrast, Paul now talks about life. What do you believe it means to be “alive with Christ?” How might we see this in light of relational vs. religion?

2) Grace eternal: We have been raised, seated and extended kindness in Christ. (Eph. 2:6-7)

- How do you explain being “seated with Christ in heavenly places”?
- How might we view Christ, being the Head of the church and our Advocate while upon the earth? (*See Romans 8:33-34*)
- How does our understanding of God’s grace towards us change not only our identity but also our mission? (*See Colossians 3:1-2*)

3) Grace now: Saving faith empowers us to walk as God’s workmanship. (Eph. 2:8-10)

- We are God’s workmanship, prepared for good works! Since, God is clearly an intentional designer, how has God shaped/fashioned you? (*See Psalm 119:73-76*)
- In light of God’s design, what is your purpose? Not in general, but specifically, what has God called you to do as a minister of reconciliation? Are you pursuing your purpose according to your gifts and call? (*See Romans 10:17, Matthew 5:16 and 2 Corinthians 5:20-21*)