

“Resurrected”

Life Group Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

April 26, 2020

OPEN: Is there any particular thing that the Lord seems to be teaching you at this time?

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

DIG: Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- What language does Paul use to describe our predicament?
- What role does the supernatural play in all of this? Where else does Paul use similar language in the book?
- What words describe how God sees us? (verses 4-7)
- What is the cause of our salvation?
- What is the means of our salvation?
- What are the results of us being saved?

REFLECT

- When Paul uses language like “ruler of the kingdom of the air” what is your reaction?
- Which of the words or phrases that Paul uses to describe how God sees us—which is most dear to you?
- So, if we are saved by grace through faith, where does baptism come in? Is it even necessary?
- Chris talked about his “cravings” during this safer at home time. Have you had any similar experiences?
- What has been the highlight of the past week?
- What was the low point of the past week?

PRAYER TIME:

Father we thank you for the “incomparable riches of your grace expressed in your kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Lord, we acknowledge that we are utterly dependent on your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.