

Seacoast Church Small Group Questions

© Seacoast Church. All rights reserved

New & Improved: Improved Lives [Ephesians 2:1-10] Small Group Lesson

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT) - 1 Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. 2 You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, 5 that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms - all because we are one with Christ Jesus. 7 And so God can always point to us as examples of the incredible wealth of his favor and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us through Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Icebreaker

- Try to get some conversation started by playing out the following scenario.
- Has anyone ever been lost in the woods? If you have, what was the first thing that came to your mind once you realized that you were actually lost? Did you have a life line in place in the event that you did get lost? How long was it before you actually used the life line if you had one? How did the feeling of being lost make you feel? What was the outcome?

Discussion Questions

1. Ask somebody to read Philippians 1:6 and share how the Lord is working in your life at this present time!
2. In Ephesians 2:1-3 Paul says, "...you were Dead in your transgressions and sins," Paul also clarifies for us that we were Deceived, Disobedient and Doomed. When we realize this, what initial response does it solicit in you mind?
3. When you think about how much God Loves us as defined in Romans 6:23 (have someone read this for clarity), how does that change your thought process about question #2?
4. Have someone from the group read Ephesians 2: 4-9. In this passage of encouragement, what specific part stands out as a promise of undeniable significance?
5. In verse 8, Paul states "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourself, it is the gift from God" What should our response be when we realize that this tremendous gift from God is not something we have a role in or deserve?
6. Greg asked the question as his final point, "Where are you going?" Knowing that God has created each of us with unique gifts and talents, what are you doing and where are you going that will bring honor to God in light of these gifts and talents?
7. As the members of the group how they are doing when it comes to using the gifts and talents that God has entrusted to us. Specifically pray for those in the group that may be struggling. Encourage each other through this next week to seek a deeper understanding of God's Love through the gifting He has for every one of us.