



Sermon Discussion Guide

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the Gospel of the Church


"Saved"

Ephesians 2:1-10

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Why are the words, "But God," the greatest two words in all of history? When did your "But God" moment happen?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, "What was the sermon about on Sunday?" what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

SAVED: GRACE NEEDED

- 3 Read Romans 3:10-12, 18. How would you describe our spiritual condition apart from Christ? What is wrong with the following question: "Why do bad things happen to good people?"
- 4 How are things affected when you believe that life is a story all about you? How can being self-centered actually make you religious?

- 5 How might your perspective on your circumstances change if you really believed that life is God-centered?

SAVED: GRACE DELIVERS

- 6 If sin is putting ourselves in God's place, what is salvation?
- 7 Ray said, "Grace is God's love for charity cases." Do you see yourself as a charity case? Why or why not? Have you ever been in a position in your life where you needed charity?

SAVED: GRACE PRODUCES

- 8 Grace produces people of gratitude. Why do the poorest Christians feel like the richest people on earth? What keeps you from being full of gratitude?
- 9 Grace produces people of humility. What aspect(s) of salvation can a Christian boast about? What things do we like to boast in instead of God?
- 10 Graces produces people of good works. What good works have you seen from other Christians you know that fight back the darkness of the world with beauty?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✝ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?