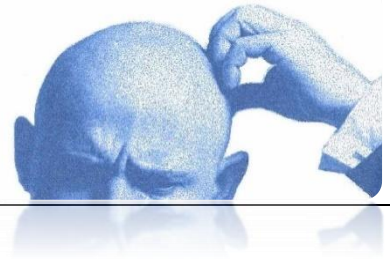


Ephesians - New Gift

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

- Read **Ephesians 2:1-10**. What stands out for you?
- How would you describe the movement from being “dead in your transgression” to being made “alive in Christ”? What do these phrases mean?
- Who or what is “the ruler of the kingdom of the air”? What makes it difficult to remember or even believe in this spiritual reality?
- Many Christians have memorized Ephesians 2:8. How do you understand grace? Is there any obligation attached to receiving this gift?
- Compare **Ephesians 2:10** with **Genesis 1:27-28**. What are the similarities? What is the good work we are called to do?
- What is the main point in **Ephesians 2:11-18**?
- The separation between Jews and Gentiles (as religious categories) is not the most pressing issue today. What are some of the driving issues that divide Christians today? How does this text speak to those realities?
- The flow of Paul’s argument in Ephesians 2 is something like this: Because of what God has done through Christ, you have been made alive to the realities of God’s kingdom and you are joined together with a diverse group of people you might have virtually nothing in common with. As a result, we are now insiders (part of the household) and being formed into a holy temple. What does this mean? Why is this important?