

Transformed by Grace

Discussion Guide | September 1, 2019 Ephesians 2:1-10

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Ephesians 2:1-10 as a group.

- 1. How would you define the word "grace"? In what ways have you experienced grace in your life?
- 2. Christian author C.S. Lewis once said that grace is what makes Christianity unique among other belief systems. Do you agree? Explain.
- 3. From Ephesians 2:1-3, what do you learn about who we are apart from Jesus, and our need for grace? (Make observations, using language straight from this passage.)
- 4. This language (from Ephesians 2:1-3) is strong language! Why is an accurate diagnosis needed before we can arrive at the right remedy? How does Ephesians 2:1-3 provide this accurate diagnosis of our human condition, apart from Jesus?
- 5. Focus on Ephesians 2:4-7. Imagine you had to work from these verses to explain why God's grace is so amazing. What would you say?
- 6. If God's grace really is as amazing as we read about (and it is!), what impact should this have on your day-to-day life?
- 7. How does God's grace transform our identity? (Hint: Look at verses 5-6.) How can knowing who you are in Christ influence how you live?
- 8. How does God's grace transform your actions? (Hint: Look at verse 10.) How does knowing that God has prepared good works for you to do in advance give you boldness to do what He wants?
- 9. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 out loud. How are we saved? What does it mean to place your faith in Jesus?
- 10. Review Ephesians 2:1-10 as a whole one more time. What big take-aways are you leaving with? What is one way the message of this passage will influence your life this coming week?
- 11. **Challenge: Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.