

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE GOSPEL IN A PARAGRAPH | Ephesians 2:1-10

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

WHO WE WERE: Read Ephesians 2:1-3. Paul describes the spiritual state of every man, woman, and child without Christ. He accurately confirms for us the problem we all face and cannot solve. What is it?

Compare and contrast this message from Paul with the primary message of our culture. Why do you think this is so likely to be offensive?

BUT GOD: Read Ephesians 2:4-7. Praise God for these precious truths. What has God done? Why has He done it? Do you think this work of God is for Him, for us, or both? Why?

WHO WE ARE: Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Who are you now (in Christ)?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

We acknowledge that it is **ONLY** by grace through faith that we can be redeemed. Why do you think we so easily crawl back to a desire to earn it through "our own doing?" How should this dynamic affect our obedience and "good works?" Assess the state of your own heart in this area.

How should this reminder and recognition of our (previous) state without Christ affect how we think and interact with those who don't yet know Christ?

We often think that a response to the Gospel is a one-time thing, but we never outgrow the Gospel! How does a reminder or refocus on the Gospel impact the state of your soul today - or the way in which you live and make decisions tomorrow?

Share your story with your discipleship group: **1. I WAS...** **2. BUT GOD...** **3. NOW I...**

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1

Eph 2:1-3

DAY 2

Eph 2:4-5

DAY 3

Eph 2:6-7

DAY 4

Eph 2:8-9

DAY 5

Eph 2:10

WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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