

Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!

Open

There's no doubt that our world is going through a time of upheaval and disruption right now, but even in the midst of all that we're currently experiencing we know that God's love for us and His sovereignty are still as dependable as they've ever been! In today's message, then, Pastor Don walks us through Scripture to help remind us that God is still very much working to bring about His glory and our good - no matter what our circumstance. To get your group started, let everyone tell about a friend who encourages them and helps them live up to their full potential...

BIG THOUGHT

Because of His great love, God offers to make us alive through His grace and Jesus' sacrifice so that we can accomplish all the good things He created us to do.

1. Our foundational passage for today is found in Ephesians 2:4-10, so read verses 4-5 to get started. What two attributes do these verses ascribe to God? And what did God do for us because of these characteristics? (v. 5) What does Paul say here is the means by which we've been saved from our guilt? How would you define "grace" in your own words?
2. Now read v. 6. What position has God given to Jesus' followers by His divine power? Why do you think Paul writes as if it's already been done? How do we know our future standing with Jesus is already a certainty even now? Explain.

3. Read v. 7. What does God want to point to us as examples of? When you think of "all that he has done for us," what are some examples of the riches of God's grace that you've experienced in your own life? Share with the group.
4. Read v. 8. How are we ultimately put into a right relationship with God? And how are we able to place our saving trust in Him? Let a few in the group share their path to ultimately opening this "gift" of faith...
5. Now read v. 9. Why is it important to know that the things we do for God (our "works") aren't what put us in a right relationship with Him? How can knowing that truth bring us freedom in our relationship with God?
6. Read v. 10. What does God think about us? Why were we created? And what is God's desire for each one of us? Can you identify the "good works" that He's doing in and through you right now? Make a list of what comes to your mind.

Take it Further

Talk with God and thank Him for His desire to be in a relationship with you, and that He makes it possible through Jesus' life and sacrifice. Then ask Him to help you fulfill the good things He created you to do!

Daily Verse Readings

Day 1: John 1:12

Day 2: Romans 6:23

Day 3: Titus 3:4-7

Day 4: John 3:16

Day 5: Romans 10:9-10

Day 6: John 14:6

Memory Verses: Ephesians 2:8-9