

## Clean Slate | Ephesians 2:1-10 January 29th, 2023

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story for 5-8 minutes and rotate people each week. See the group leader resource page for ideas on sharing your story.*

- 1) What was one of the best gifts you received as a child? What made it so special to you?
- 2) How have you seen God at work in your life this week?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

- 1) What stood out to you from the sermon? Did you have any "Aha" moments?
- 2) Were there any questions from the Live it Out section that you would like to discuss?

### **Read Ephesians 2:1-3**

- 3) What does it look like to be "dead" in sin? What do you remember of your condition before life in Christ?
- 4) How do you see this condition in our world today? How can you show compassion rather than judgment to those dead in sin?
- 5) How can these verses promote humility among God's people? (See Romans 3:10-12,23)
- 6) Can you tell of the time when you crossed over from death to life? (See Matthew 5:24)

### **Read Ephesians 2:4-8**

- 7) What motivated God to make people alive in Christ? How have you experienced those same qualities of God at other times in your life?
- 8) What is the ultimate reason for our new life in Christ according to vs 7. See also (Matthew 5:16)

### **Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

- 9) These verses are often summarized by: Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for His glory alone. What stands out to you in these verses?
- 10) How would you describe the relationship between grace and works?
- 11) List together some of the general good works that God has planned for us all to do. (Use scripture when possible)
- 12) What are some specific good works God has planned for you individually? How can the group pray for you to fulfill these good works.

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.*

- 1) Lord, "What specific good works do you have for me to do this week?"

### For Further study

Challenge yourself and your group to memorize Ephesians 2:8-10 and try to say it together next week.