

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.