

Ephesians Chapter 2
Week 3 – MidWeek Bible Study
6 December 2023

“This is [God’s] good and beautiful creation, and he has chosen to work through broken, fragmented, sinful people to accomplish his purposes for it. Only by and through him, we are re-created and generously graced to carry out what he has called us to.” -Dr. George Lyons

GROUP GATHERING (10-15 minutes)

1. Read Ephesians 2 Slowly Together
2. What did you notice as you read & this week as you studied?
3. What is a verse, phrase or chunk of Ephesians 2 that you feel like you understand better now than you did before?

Inductive Bible Study Review

<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 1: OBSERVE “What does it say?” Ask good questions, make observations, pray “to notice”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 2: INTERPRET “What did it mean?” What did Paul mean to write to these Ephesians? How did they understand it? What did Paul mean?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 3: APPLY “What does it mean?” What do these chunks of Scripture have to say to us? How will we live differently because of their messages?</p>
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By Grace Through Faith (The Walking Dead)

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

1. Observations

2. Interpretations

3. Group Application: Is there a part of Ephesians 2:1-3 that you can “live out” more faithfully this week?

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1. Observations

2. Interpretations

3. Group Application: Is there a part of Ephesians 2:4-10 that you can “live out” more faithfully this week?

One in Christ

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time

separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

1. Observations

2. Interpretations

3. **Group Application:** Is there a part of Ephesians 2:11-12 that you can “live out” more faithfully this week?

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

1. Observations

2. Interpretations

3. **Group Application:** Is there a part of Ephesians 2:13-22 that you can “live out” more faithfully this week?

GROUP PRAYER: Go around your table and share any prayer requests you might have. Pray for the person on your right. Choose a person who will close your prayer time; that person can also pray for each person’s connection, curiosity, and breakthrough as they study Ephesians 3 this week.