



Ephesians 2

-this is my go to passage when I want to explain the basics of what Christians believe

transformation

-weight loss commercial

dead --> Alive

stagnant --> active

100 % guaranteed in Jesus

Chapter 1 tells us God already did the work

-every spiritual blessing

-God choose us

-Jesus forgave us

-the Spirit guarantees our hope

Chapter 2 digs into how God's work effects us

value in going through a book of the Bible from beginning to end

Ephesians 2:1-3

you - all of us

*Paul is not being judgmental

all humanity is dead

-spiritually not physically

*we are separated from God (Children of wrath)

*all our striving will not get us to God (stagnant life)

-people bouncing from thing to thing in our culture

*we need to understand where we were so we can be thankful for where Jesus has brought us

*we can show grace to nonChristians because they are caught up in this death

-we should expect non Christians to act like non Christians

Ephesians 2:4-9

-we were dead but God did something

-this again is what we talked about in chapter 1

*it is all God's work graciously shared with us

Ephesians 2:10

-the end of this transformation

-God's work of art

-God is reshaping your character and desires

-God has prepared God works for you to walk

-you have purpose and value, your life is not stagnant

Small Group

1) What was your life like before you put your faith in Jesus or what would your life be like if you didn't have Jesus?

2) Read 2:4-10. According to verse 4, why did God save us from the consequences of our sin? How does verse 7 help us understand?

3) Discuss the idea of being God's workmanship. What does it mean? How can you grow in your awareness of this? How can you individually live this out in a practical way?

