

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE:

Series: Anchored, a study in Ephesians

Passage: Ephesians 2:1-10

Focus: This week, we talked look at how most of the world agrees there is a problem, that the world is broken, but we can't agree on the solution. In our passage, God makes it really clear what the problem is and how he is solving it. He invites us into it by living how God designed us to so that other will come to know Him.

READ: Ephesians 2:1-10

- In Verse 1, what imagery is Paul using to talk about the human condition a part from God? What does that say about our ability to fix the problem humanity finds themselves in? How does this shape how we view people who don't know God?
- In verse 2-3, how are humans living a part from God? Who is working in their lives? What is the outcome for people who do not know Jesus and continue living that way? Read James 1:13-15. How do we see some or all of this process of sin taking hold of our lives even still as we are Christians?
- In verses 4-6, what is God's response to the Human situation? What are the actions you see God doing? Why does God do it? If we are seated with Christ, we are treated as sons and daughters of God. What does being made a son or daughter of God mean to you? How does it change our motivation for following or knowing God?
- In verse 7, Why does God work this way to save humanity?
- In verses 8-10, Why is it significant that it is by Grace that we are saved? What's challenging about it, and what is lifegiving? What does it mean that we are God's Handiwork?

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

- What imagery is God giving for how we are to live before others? What is the reason Jesus is giving in verse 16 that we live out our good deeds for others to see?
- **Leaders' Note:** I wouldn't end your night without helping your group think through specific people God has placed in their lives they can live out their good deeds so they can share Jesus with them.
 - **Option:** Ask people to share who they can think of that they have opportunities to share Jesus with and pray for that person before moving onto someone else.
 - **Option:** Lead the group in brainstorming easy ways to live out their faith within the groups of people they find themselves in.
 - **Option:** Discuss together a service project you could do serve our community in a way that would inspire others to know Jesus.