

EPHESIANS

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STUDY
NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Crossover

1 If you could see an aspect of the world be invaded by heaven, what would it be?

2 If you could have heaven invade your life in some way what might that be or how would that look?

3 Read Ephesians 2:1-3. What in the passage would describe your past or present? How do you see verse 2 play out in our world? Do you identify with these verses, and why would it be important that we do?

4 Read Ephesians 2:4-5 What about this passage amazes you? How have you experienced parts of this passage?

5 Read Ephesians 2:6-7. (no 6-7 jokes allowed) If this is truly a reality as Paul says, how might this impact us practically? Have you thought of the outcome of salvation in these ways before? If we are seated with Christ in the heavenlies, and yet are also here on earth, what might that say about heaven on earth?

6 Tell your spiritual journey of faith and crossing over from death to life. Was it dramatic and in a moment, or was faith more of a journey over time of belief?

7 Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How do our "good works" work alongside our salvation? Do you think that the good works in verse 10 are specific to each person or general in nature for all Christians (remember the "we" and "us" is plural), or a little of both?

8 As you think about our position in Jesus at the right hand of God along with our position in our community and homes, workplace, schools, church and wherever you find yourself, how might your position be used to bring the good works of heaven on earth?

9 Pray for your church. Community. World.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.