

## Believers Together: Discovering the Word – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Discovering the Book of Ephesians - Made Alive in Christ—Ephesians 2:1–10

#### Open It

1. When have you shown mercy to a person who deserved to be punished?
2. What is the best gift you've ever received?

#### Ephesians 2:1–10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

<sup>2</sup>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—

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

<sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

<sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

<sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

#### Explore It

3. Before conversion, what was the spiritual position of the Ephesians? (2:1)
4. What three characteristics mark the condition of a person without Christ? (2:2–3)
5. What describes God's action in making us alive? (2:5)
6. What position has God given Christians in Christ by His divine power? (2:6)
7. What will God show in the future eternal state? (2:7)
8. What is the means of salvation? (2:8)
9. Why can no one boast in his own salvation? (2:8–9)
10. What is the purpose of God's workmanship? (2:10)

#### Get It

11. What were you like before you became a Christian?
12. How would you describe God's grace to you?
13. How do you see God's creative workmanship operating in your life?

#### Apply It

14. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, what good work for the kingdom of God can you do this week?