Small Group Study Guide, Week of August 25, 2024

Ephesians 2:1-10; "By God's Grace Through Faith"

Q: How can a spiritually dead sinner be saved from God's wrath?

Big Idea: By God's grace through faith in Christ, we are saved for His good works.

Ice Breaker: Tell about an early-life experience you had with death. How does that still impact you?

Dig:

- What does Paul mean by "you were dead in your transgressions and sin"? How did it happen? What were the consequences?
- 2. Why must God take the initiative to give life? Compare and contrast Christ's experience (Ephesians 1:20-23) to ours (22:5-7).
- 3. What is the relationship between wrath and love? (vv3-4) Between grace and works? (vv8-10)
- 4. Why did God save us? Why did he do it this way?

Apply:

5. In practical terms, how have you experienced your new life in Christ recently? Who in your life could benefit from hearing that experience?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)