

2-20-22 Facilitator, Made Alive in Christ – Eph 2:1-10, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers: Conversation Starters for friends, family, neighbors & enemies**

- If you died and were raised from the dead, how would you tell the story?
- What difference would it make in how you live?

2. **Worship: We are God's poetry. You are a poem He is writing of His Glorious Grace.**

Ask someone to bring their favorite poems or one they have written and read it to the group.

Here are 3 of my favorites attached –

- The Touch of The Master's Hand – Author Unknown
- The Wonderer – Robert Service
- "Birthday Poem" to my dad for his 80th Birthday written 2002 – by Mike Arnett

3. **Sermon Reflection: Ephesians 2:1-10 Made Alive In Christ**

HOW WE START

- What were we before God's work?
- What convinces you of your sin and misery?
- How are you living in denial of your condition?

BUT GOD...

- To what lengths has God gone to forgive and heal us in Christ?
- What would your life be like without the work of God's grace?
- What difference does it make that the Gospel is news, not instruction?

HOW WE FINISH

- And what are we now in Christ?
- How is the Gospel story both humbling and securing at the same time?
- What would help you to grow into your true status in Christ?
- What joys are you missing out on by not bowing in humility? Standing up secure in Him?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...**

1. Worship the LORD as our Maker and Giver of Life. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for His power and will to raise us to newness of life by His Grace
2. How have you lived as if either you're not that bad, or that you're so bad that there's no hope for you? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, *asking Him to forgive you and meet your deepest needs by His Grace.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His work to take you from the lowest place in condemnation to the highest place of approval. Thank Him for satisfying justice vs. your guilt and healing you vs. your deadness.
4. Who do you know that seems spiritually dead, like you have been? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make them alive in Christ as He has you – by His power and love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His help so that you would live realistically – both *humble* because of God's work *and secure* because of the completeness of what He has done in Christ.

5. **Mission: Sharing the experience of your "extreme reversal" with a friend or Enemy>**

Following the pattern of Ephesians, let's tell our story this week to a friend. Take time today to write your story. Then pray about who you could share it with this week. Ask God to give someone that you can brag to about God bringing you from death to life.

Outline from Ephesians –

- Ephesians 2:1a - And you – What were you like without God's work?
- Ephesians 2:4a – But God – What did God do? How did it become yours?
- Ephesians 2:11a – Therefore – What has changed? How are you "alive" in Jesus?