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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Share with the group a significant change that occurred in your life, such as developing a healthier lifestyle, getting married, change of career, etc. What made that change possible? What are the things you appreciate as a result of the change?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- O Come to the Altar
- This is Amazing Grace
- Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. Members will realize the difference Christ's sacrifice makes in their lives.
2. Members will worship God and praise Him for His gracious gift.
3. Members will reach out to people in their lives who have yet to place their faith in Christ.

INTRODUCTION

After Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers, he described to them how God had changed their state and standing with Him in Christ. There is a huge contrast between their original state before they believed in Christ and their current state now that they have placed their faith in Him. This was made possible only because God extended His mercy and grace toward sinful man. What is the significance of knowing the change in standing a believer goes through when they believe in Christ? Let's find out.

The original state of the Ephesian believers (vv. 1-3)

1. How did Paul describe the state of the Ephesian believers before they knew Christ?
2. What or who were influencing them at that time?
3. What does it mean to be "children of wrath?"
4. In the Bible, death means separation. Make a list of all we are separated from when we die physically. Then make another list of all we are separated from when we die spiritually.
5. Paul described those who are spiritually dead as being influenced toward disobedience. Does this mean that they are unable to do good?
6. The spiritual dead are objects of God's wrath. What is the reason behind God's anger? Is His wrath justified?

Application

Children

1. Try to find pictures of you, maybe 3-5 years ago. What do you see? Is there a change? Talk about it. Now that is the physical self.
2. Let's check our attitude next. How was our attitude before you became a child of God? Share one thing about your attitude before. Were you impatient before? Do you find yourself more patient now? Take turns in sharing. In our study of Ephesians 2:1-3, we see how we used to be living before we knew Christ.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Youth

1. Ever since you committed to personally follow the Lord Jesus Christ, what changes have you observed in the way you think, speak, and/or act? What changes have your friends noticed about you?
2. Who among your relatives and friends do you want to experience this new life Christ? How can you connect with them this week? What gatherings can you invite them to in order that they might experience the grace of God in our community?

Adults

1. Why would not fully understanding Ephesians 2:1-3 keep us from really rejoicing in being saved?
2. Do you have anyone in your circles of influence who do not yet know and believe in Christ? Pick one of them and commit to pray for them. How would you use these verses (vv. 1-7) to explain the gospel to them in 5 minutes or less?

Community

1. Many people still need to know the state they are in without Christ. Which community you belong to needs to know this the most?
2. You can partner with Jesus to bring the knowledge of Christ and salvation to your community. What's one specific step you can take today to bring that about?

World

1. Most of the world is still following the inclinations of their sinful nature. How can you bring the truth to the world during this pandemic that some may be saved from God's wrath?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

The new state of the Ephesian believers in Christ (vv. 4-7)

1. What attribute of God caused Him to be merciful toward believers?
2. How did those who were dead in sin receive life? What made this possible?
3. What else did God do to those who are in Christ?
4. How are God's love, mercy, and grace distinct from one another yet interconnected?
5. What is the significance of being made alive in Christ? How does this contrast with being dead in sin?
6. Paul said that God "raised us up" and "seated us with" Christ in the heavenly places. He talked about it as if it had already happened, yet we are still here on earth. How do you reconcile that?

Application

Children

1. We are all familiar with John 3:16 which tells us that God so loved the world. In Eph. 2:4-5, God's great love and mercy made us alive in Christ - meaning new and forgiven. And this happened because of His love or grace given to us. We were bad, but He saved us. If you were to describe or measure God's love, what words would you use? (so much? great? very?) Why did you choose that adjective?
2. Based on question 1, what is GRACE then? Can you share what the word "grace" means to you? (ANSWER: Grace is a gift from God; we don't deserve it, such as forgiveness, salvation, eternal life, etc.)

Youth

1. What are the instances you often find yourself doubting your self-worth? How does this truth about God's grace shape your thoughts about your identity?
2. Given that grace is a gift freely given, what are the situations today that tempt you to think that you somehow still need to earn God's love? Who are the people in your life you can reach out to who still think this way?

Adults

1. What is the Biblical portrait of a believer's future according to Ephesians 2:6-7? How should this impact our daily lives?
2. God values you so much that He is willing to give up and sacrifice His beloved Son to reconcile us to Himself. How does that affect how you see yourself and your reaction towards what others say about you?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Community

1. Because of God's grace, believers are holy in God's sight. But while we are here on earth, we are still works in progress. How can God's work of transformation in your life affect the people around you?
2. How can we, as a spiritual community, show our unity with Christ? How do you think this will affect the surrounding community?

World

1. God has extended His grace toward us through Christ. How can you allow that grace to overflow to the world right now?

PRAYER ITEM

As you close in prayer, pray for all those you know who are still living apart from Christ, but let the last prayer be of Worship because of God's present salvation for you all through Christ.



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