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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask the members of the group to share their experience of going to a museum and beholding great masterpieces of art. After all have shared, explain to them that each believer is a work-in-progress masterpiece of God, being crafted into the image of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- The Lord is My Salvation
- Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)
- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Christ in Me

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. Members will know how one becomes saved.
2. Members will discover the works God has prepared for them.
3. Members will faithfully do the works God prepared for them.

INTRODUCTION

We saw in our previous lesson the change of state that occurred in the life of a believer. They are no longer dead in their sins, but God had raised them up with Christ. They are not just given life, but they are raised up to be with Christ in heaven. This is all made possible by God's great love manifesting itself in mercy and grace toward sinners. In this lesson we will look at the manner and purpose of salvation. How does one attain salvation and what does God expect from one who has attained it?

The manner of salvation (vv. 8-9)

1. How were the Ephesian believers saved?
2. Paul mentions that salvation is a gift, as opposed to what?
3. What does it mean to be saved "by grace" "through faith?"
4. Why did Paul contrast human works with God's gift?

Application

Children

1. Think of a person who was so kind to you, even when you did not deserve their kindness. Talk about what that person did.
2. God is kind to us even though we're bad. This is an example of the word "grace." Make a word map: write "GOD" and your name below it. Use an arrow to connect GOD and your name. Next to "GOD," write "GRACE" inside a circle. Around the circle, write the words *compassionate*, *loving*, *merciful*, and *forgiving*. When you are done, you will see that God is so gracious, forgiving, merciful and compassionate to you. Keep this word map to remind you of God's love. Enjoy!

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Youth

1. How does this truth that our salvation is a gift change the way you view God? How does it change the way you view yourself in relation to your view of God?
2. Given the possibility that some of our friends, relatives, and classmates still think that salvation is earned, what are some of the things you can do to encourage them to see it as something freely given? How can you bring this truth into your conversations with them?

Adults

1. Have you passed from death to life? If yes, share with the group what makes you so sure. If not, ask for help from the group and open your heart to God's Word as they explain.
2. Do you have some things that you think (or used to think) give you merit before God? If so, why do you think they grant you merit?

Community

1. What are some ways you can share the good news of salvation with people who still do not know it?

World

1. What can you do collectively as a growth group in spreading the gospel around the world?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

The purpose of salvation (vv. 7, 10)

1. What will the salvation of humankind reveal about God?
2. What is God's purpose for those whom He saved?
3. Do you think believers have a part in showing God's grace through salvation? Why or why not?
4. Believers are not saved by their works, but God prepared works for them to do. Does this statement contradict the value of works? Why or why not?

Application

Children

1. What do you think is God's plan for you? Read John 3:16; what does it say? "For God so loved the world (That's each one of us) that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." So God's plan for us is to be saved and be with Him forever. Do you believe with all your heart that God can save you and be your Father forever?
2. If you believe what the verse says, and you want God to save you from your sins and give you eternal life, you can say this prayer: "God, thank you for your plan for my life - to save me and make me your child. I believe that. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I ask that you forgive me of all my sins. Jesus please come into my heart now and be my Lord and Savior. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

Praise God. If you prayed this prayer and accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He now lives in you. Let your family know and keep a record of today's date and year as your spiritual birthday.

Youth

1. Have you ever found yourself feeling purposeless or even at times worthless? How can this truth about God's purpose for those whom He has saved encourage you?
2. What are some of the good works you can see God has been preparing for you to do? How can you serve the Lord as a response to His grace in your schools, friend groups, and families?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. It is wisely said, “We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.” How does Ephesians 2:10 explain this?
2. How does Ephesians 2:10 change your perspective about the mundane or tedious tasks that you do in everyday life?

Community

1. What do you think are some good works God has prepared our community of faith to do as His church?

World

1. Many in the world criticize the church as being full of hypocrites - people who do not walk their talk. How can you, as a growth group, keep each other accountable so that you can be a positive witness of God to the world?

PRAYER ITEM

Close in prayer, and if anyone came to faith in this session, pray for their spiritual growth. If all are believers already, thank God for the gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!



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