



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Ephesians - Alive with Christ

Last Week

Did you try something new to grow in spiritual wisdom last week?

Opener

Reflect on a time when you tried to take control of something and its outcomes and it didn't go well?

Questions

What does it mean to you to be "alive in Christ?" How does it impact your daily life?

In what ways have you experienced God's grace in your life? How did it deepen your relationship with God?

Many people identify themselves with "what they do". How would your spiritual journey improve if you identified more with "who you are in Christ?"

Why do you think it's challenging for people to accept and live in God's grace? What steps can we take to embrace this truth more fully?

As Paul encouraged the church in Ephesians 2, how can we encourage others to understand and live out their identity in Christ?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Ephesians 2:1-8 (NLT)

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray