

## Review

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

### *Main Points:*

1. **How dead is dead?** You cannot be rescued unless you know how badly you need to be rescued.
2. **How amazing is grace?** When you understand how dead you were, you are blown away by the grace of God.
3. **How do works work?** Grace is not a result of good works, but good works are a result of grace.

## Reflect

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

### *Questions:*

1. What is the best gift you have ever received and why? What was so special about it?
2. **Focus on verses 1-3.** What does it mean to be spiritually dead? Do you wrestle with the idea that you are spiritually dead or that you cannot do anything to please God on your own? What is difficult about this idea for you?
3. **Focus on v.4-9.** Todd shared a story of a time when he switched places with his daughter and took a punishment for her. Can you think of a time when anyone has done something like that for you? Share a time when you experienced real grace. How does this help you understand the grace God has for you through Jesus?
4. **Focus on v.10.** God has created us for good works. If you look back on your life, in what ways have you seen God prepare you to do certain good works now? What life experiences has He used to bring you to this point?

## Respond

Application.

1. God has created you with a purpose and as His workmanship. What gifting and skills do you have? How can you use those to serve God? What steps do you need to take to get more involved in the good works God has created you for here locally? What kind of good works do you hope He has planned for you?

## Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together.

## *Dig Deeper*

If you have time.

**Read Luke 23:32-43.**

### *Main Points:*

1. How does this passage help you understand that grace and salvation are a totally undeserved gift from God? How can you relate to this criminal?
2. Why do you think God chose to have this story in His Word of Scripture? What does it reveal to us about how salvation works?
3. How do you think this criminal would have lived had he lived that day and was not crucified? How do you think his life would have changed after experienced such extreme grace from Jesus? How should our lives change after experiencing this same grace?
4. Could you summarize how we are saved or how a person can come into a relationship with God? Take time now to write this out as if you were explaining it to someone who is not a Christian.

## *Announcements*

Please share with your group!

1. **Employment Transition Advisor Group:** If you are looking for a great and simple way to serve, look no further than here. Whether you realized it or not, CCC has a great ministry to help people who are in a job transition. There is an opportunity to be an advisor for them and help them find their next position, while also providing support in this transition. Women advisors are in particular need. Contact Frank Zammataro at [frtransition1@gmail.com](mailto:frtransition1@gmail.com) if you are interested.
2. **Baby Dedication Parenting Meeting:** October 7th at 9 a.m. We have a special weekend for parents to dedicate their babies (2 and under) to Jesus. The parent meeting is required for the upcoming baby dedication service.
3. **CCC 101:** The next membership class takes place on Saturday, October 20 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you haven't taken this step – this is the day. You'll learn and apply our purpose as a church to know, grow, and serve Jesus. Side note—you'll find out more about how God has wired, gifted, and called you to the good works He has prepared in advance. Sign up online.