



# ephesians together

## Review

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

### Main Points:

1. **My Part** (v. 1-3) Spiritually dead. We cannot earn God's approval.
2. **Jesus' Part** (v. 4-9) We are saved by grace.
3. **The Part We Do Together** (v. 10) God has prepared good works for us all.

## Reflect

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

### Questions:

1. **Opening question:** What was the last major thing you earned? Something you trained for, worked towards, and accomplished? What was that feeling?
2. **Focus on v.1-3.** Jimmy shared the story of 8th grade Jimmy who ran the 1200-meter race vs. current Jimmy who is training for a half-marathon. What was the point of that illustration in helping us understand these verses? What does it mean to be spiritually dead? Why is that an idea we often struggle with?
3. **Focus on v.4-9.** Jimmy shared a story of the time he received undeserved grace from Emily when she gave him two tickets to the Cavs game. What is an example of undeserved grace you have received, and what was your response and feeling to this experience? Encourage everyone to share a story. How does that story help us understand the grace Jesus gives us? What makes us struggle to believe this as well?
4. **Focus on v.10.** What are the good works God has prepared for us? Make a list of everything that comes to mind. How does that change your approach and expectations for the next week, month, or year? Jimmy shared a story of being called into full-time ministry when that was the last thing he thought he would do. What stood out to you in that story, and do you have a similar story or experience of God calling you to something? How did you know?

## Respond

Application.

1. **Responding to v.10** –God has prepared good works for all of us in advance. The idea is easy – the application is hard. What are the good work(s) do you think God has planned for you? In other words, what role do you play in the kingdom of God? If you have figured it out, how did you figure it out? If you aren't sure, where do you start? Hint: think through your passions, burdens, and gifts.

## Pray

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



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### *Dig Deeper*

If you have time.

**Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17.** What Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:1-10 is something he also experienced himself.

#### *Main Points:*

1. **Looking at v.13 and 15. How does Paul understand his part?** If someone asked Paul what kind of person he was, what do you think he would say and why? Why do you think he freely admits that? Do we admit with the same freedom, why or why not?
2. **Looking at v. 13-17. How does he explain Jesus' part?** What strikes you in his explanation, and the way he talks about Jesus?
3. **Go back to v.12. Based on what you know about Paul, what are the good works God prepared for him to do?** See also 1 Timothy 2:5-7. How does that help us understand the good works God has prepared for us? How unique or generic do you think Paul's good works are?
4. **Reflect on this statement:** We are not saved by good works, but we are saved for good works.

### *Announcements*

Please share with your group!

1. **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.
2. **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 [fttransition1@gmail.com](mailto:fttransition1@gmail.com) if you are interested.