



HANDOUT

Lesson 3: Ephesians 2:1-10

THE BOOK OF

EPHESIANS

DISCUSS

In what ways does our culture propagate the ideas J.D. mentioned? Do you know people who hold those beliefs?

In verse 1, we read, "You were dead in transgressions and sins." What does that mean? How does that make you feel?

What's "wrath"? Why would we be "deserving of wrath"?

There's a distinction in verses 1–3 between "us" and "them." Do you see it? What's the difference?

What changed when we moved from death to life? What do verses 4–5 tell us? What are things God has done for us?

What is mercy? Is that different from grace?

According to verses 8–10, what has happened in the past, what's going on now, and what can we expect to happen in the future?

Why is the timing of each thing Paul described in 8–10 important? Why do we need to know that our good works come after our salvation and not before it?

How does that make you feel—that your new life through Jesus is God's divine creation?

LIVE IT OUT

Prayer: Take some serious time to go through the truth of Ephesians 2 with God. If you've been trying to pay your own way—trying to be good enough for God—talk with Him about it. Trust in His goodness rather than your own. Thank Him for His grace. Commit yourself to be that masterpiece He created you to be.

Memorize: Ephesians 2:8–10 is an essential expression of the Christian faith. Learn it.

Make some art: God is the Creator, and He made us to be creative, too. What kind of *poiema* could you create to reflect your relationship with God? It doesn't have to be just art—even caring for God's creation (how you mow your lawn) or working with your resources (the way you do your job) reflects the creator-nature God gave to each of us. The possibilities to glorify Him are endless.

Analyze: In your life, you've probably encountered and studied a great poem at some point in time—even if only in grade school English class. If you're God's divine creation, then maybe you can analyze yourself in the same way. What strengths has God given you? What resources? How have your past struggles prepared you to do good works in the future? How do you help others make the most of their abilities?

Share the truth: If you know someone who's trying hard to earn God's grace, what can you say—in a gentle, loving way—to present the truth of Ephesians 2 to him or her?