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Week 3

Opening Prayer

Opening Table Discussion:

1. Do you have a favorite poem or lyrics from a song? Could you share a few lines of it?
2. Or, is there some work of art you enjoy? A painting, sculpture, play, film, video, etc.?
3. What do you enjoy most about that work of art?
4. How do you think the artist/poet/maker felt about making it?

Today's Scripture Passage

Consider- God desires to make you His work of art, and each moment of your life like a well-crafted poem, line by line.

- **Read: Ephesians 2:1-10** and jot down below any words that stand out to you.

Video 3

Discussion Questions

5. Early in the video J.D. Greear talked about two “deeply ingrained myths our culture believes about evil:”
 - a. The main problem in the world is _____.
 - b. Deep down, we're really _____.

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

7. Biblically speaking, what's wrong with the ideas that our problem is people, or that all people are really good?

8. How does Ephesians 2 (especially verse 1) speak to those beliefs? (See also Psalm 51:5)

9. What changed when we moved from death to life? What do verses 4–7 tell us? What are the things God has done for us? List them out if it helps.

10. What is mercy? Is that different from grace? (How does the context of Ephesians 2 help us?)

11. React to the following statement: *Christians have the assurance of salvation.*

12. Four Key Takeaways on Salvation (from Ephesians 2:[8-10])

Cause of salvation _____
 Means of salvation _____
 Effects of salvation _____
 Promise of salvation _____

13. Word order is key. Why is the timing of each thing Paul described in verses 8–10 important? Why do we need to know that our good works come after our salvation and not before it? (See Hebrews 11:1, 6 for any attempt to do good apart from faith in God)

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

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You that we are saved by Your grace, through faith in Jesus and in what He has done for us. Today, we ask that good works would flow from the grace and faith gifted to us, that others would see Your handiwork in our lives and know You as the one true God! In Jesus' Name, Amen.