



Life Group Work Sheet Ephesians 2:1-10

But God.

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. Countless movies and books are rescue stories, where the plot focuses on a hero or heroine and how they save others. What is your favorite “rescue” story? Why?

Part 2 - Application

2. **Read Ephesians 2:1-3.** These verses tell us how bad we were before Christ came and brought us salvation. Think about your past. In what ways were you dead before God?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:4-7.** Why is “but God” such good news?
4. Take a moment and personalize this passage. Fill in these blanks to remind you of what God has rescued you from.

I was once dead in my trespasses and sins. This was clearly seen in my _____, but God made me alive with Christ, which _____.

I was once dead in my trespasses and sins. This was clearly seen in my pride and anger, but God made me alive with Christ, which humbled me and brought me peace.

5. Think of the “rescue story” that you mentioned above. How is this story different from the story of Jesus coming to our rescue? How does it point to salvation in Jesus?
6. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** If our salvation is not brought about by good works, why does Paul tell us to do good works? **Read Romans 6** (the whole chapter). What does this passage tell us about good deeds?
7. Write down one or two tangible ways that you can live out your faith this week as a response to what God has done for us. Write down who, when, and how. How are these acts worship to God?

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

GOOD WORKS

This week, go to a local coffee shop. After buying your drink, give the cashier a few extra dollars (5, 10, 20, you name it). Ask them to use that money to pay for the people who come in until it is all used up. Request that they do this without revealing who gave the gift. Find a seat in the coffee shop in view of the register and watch to see how people react. After seeing reactions, answer the following questions.



- How does giving this type of gift make you feel? Do you feel better when people know you gave them a gift or when they don't know you gave to them?
- What reactions surprised you the most as you watched (both good and bad)?
- How does giving this gift to others help you understand more of who God is?