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EPHESIANS 2:10

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New possibilities are ahead of each of us! God is at work. A new season is coming. Let's walk into it together as we Begin Again in response to Psalm 90 and Ephesians 2:1-10

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ²in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.^[a] ³We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,^[b] ⁵made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Prompts for Groups:

This week, instead of working our way through questions, we are going to spend some time praying together and in group discussion. Begin by re-reading Ephesians 2:1-10 but replace the words “you” with your own name. Then, as a group, discuss any observations or personal reflections you may have.

- We are going to repeat the practice of prayer we started last week. Have the leader of your group read the start of the prayer, pausing at the ellipsis so the members can offer their prayers to God.
- Spend some time praying as a group, by thanking God:
 - Father, thank you. You saw us in our sins and trespasses, yet you chose to...
 - God, you are merciful to call us to your purposes, such as...
- Spend some time praying as a group, by responding to God:
 - Lord, I respond by acknowledging your mercy extends to...
 - God, let me understand and live as someone who... is or has been made... by you.
- Spend some time praying as a group, by offering up your requests to God:
 - Lord, please let me remember I'm dead to the sin of...
 - Lord, guide me as we fulfill my purpose of...
- Spend some time praying as a group, for God to make you ready:
 - God, give us clarity as we follow after you in all areas of our lives, but especially...
 - We pray, Lord, please help me to know that you have formed me and that you will continue to teach me to...