

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2:4-10

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

• CHOOSE #1 OR #2

- **#1:** Prepare your group to bring items from home for a game of "Show and Tell." Ask each person to bring something to show everybody in your group, and then tell a story about why that object is important.
- **#2:** Think back over your life (relationships, jobs, athletics, academics, finances, etc.) what are some things you have sacrificed SO THAT you might gain something much greater?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat uncovered four immeasurable things God does to make Believers His masterpiece.**

What God Does To Make Believers His Masterpiece:

1. He makes us come alive (Ephesians 2:5b, 8-9)

- It's hard for humans to love dead things, but it's not hard for Jesus. He loves to take dead things and make them alive! What are some ways you have changed now that you are alive in Jesus?
- Who are some people that you are sharing Christ with right now? Are you ever frustrated when they don't respond? How do these passages help you understand how salvation really works?

2. He raises us up from the dead (Ephesians 2:6a)

- Read John 11:44. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, and His disciples remove the burial rags. Who are some people that have helped remove the "burial rags" from you as you've grown in Jesus? How did they help you live out your new life in Christ?
- Who are you helping do the same thing? Are you intentionally helping someone else grow in his/her faith?

3. He seats us next to Jesus in Heaven (Ephesians 2:6b)

- Hebrews 1:3 tells us that Jesus has completed the salvation work, and is now seated at the right hand of God. Why is it so important to our faith that Christ's sacrifice and resurrection happened ONCE and is now over?

- If you are in Christ, it's as if you are seated in Heaven already. How does that change the way you look at some of the difficult things in your life this week?

4. He'll show us off for all eternity (Ephesians 2:7, 10)

- All of eternity will be a divine "Show and Tell" in which God's immeasurable grace will be on display. How do you intentionally thank God for His grace right now?
- Verse 10 reminds us that Christians are God's "masterpiece." Do you feel like a masterpiece? How has this sermon series helped you see yourself the way God sees you?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, praise the Lord for His specific grace in each of your lives.

