

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2.18.26 & 2.25.26

Ephesians: “God’s Plan, Your Purpose”

Lesson Summary:

Tonight, Pastor Cam teaches that our most important identity is whether we are “in Christ,” because apart from Jesus we are spiritually dead, slaves to sin, and guilty before God. He explains that sin isn’t just mistakes but is also intentional rebellion that leaves us disconnected from God, and unable to fix ourselves. But because of His great love and mercy, God makes us alive, raises us up with Christ, and saves us entirely by grace through faith—not by anything we do.

Key Points:

3 Scary Truths About Us All

1. We are DEAD
2. We are IMPRISONED
 - The WORLD
 - The DEVIL
 - The FLESH
3. We are GUILTY before GOD

4 Amazing Truths For Those Who Are IN Christ

1. God made you ALIVE, with Christ
2. God RAISED you up, and SEATED you, with Christ
3. God SAVED you by GRACE
 - The Key To Being In Christ: FAITH
4. God SAVED you for a PURPOSE

Discussion Questions:

1. Did any of you tonight, FOR THE VERY 1ST TIME, put your trust in Jesus (and what He did on the cross) to save you from your sins and lead your life? *Leaders, do NOT skip this question! If you have a student who took this step, celebrate this in a BIG way; it's why we exist as a ministry! As always, be sure and log this as a “God win” on the App and/or share this news with Charles/Cam/Mary or TJ...thank you!*

2. Pastor Cam taught that someone can be physically alive but spiritually dead and cut off from God; what are ways you can tell if you are spiritually dead and cut off from God?
Answer: Someone who is spiritually dead and cut off from God may not feel any real desire for Him, may ignore or resist His truth, and may be living only for themselves. They might follow whatever the world says is right, give in to their own sinful desires without any sense of guilt, or think they're "good enough" without needing Jesus. There is little awareness of sin, little grief over it, and no genuine trust in Christ. Spiritually dead people may look fine on the outside, but they are disconnected from the life and power that only Jesus gives.
3. Why do you think it's hard for people to admit they are spiritually dead?
4. What's the DIFFERENCE between trying to earn God's approval versus receiving salvation through God's free gift of grace (through faith)?
Ephesians 2:8–9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.
5. Do you believe there are REAL evil spiritual demonic forces in the world today? If so, how should that change the way you pray, make choices, or depend on God each day?
6. How does it make you feel to know that God loves you even when you mess up? Does knowing this (that God has mercy on you and loves you) change the way you view your past sins or failures?
Ephesians 2:4–5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
7. Pastor Cam said that being "in Christ" means we share in Jesus' victory and authority (the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power we have available to us through the Holy Spirit)—how should that impact the way we face sin, fear, or insecurity?
Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
8. If you truly believed that God saved you for a purpose, how would that change the way you act at school, with your friends, or at home this week?
Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
9. If someone asked you what it means to be "in Christ," how would you explain it in your own words?