



The church is made of sinners saved by grace.



Key truths:

1. We don't deserve and can't earn God's love, grace and mercy.

2. We are saved by grace through faith.

3. Grace is a free gift.



Discussion Starters:

1. Ephesians 2:1-3 explains that we were dead - unable to choose God. Verses 4-10 teaches how God chose us despite our sin. How do you feel knowing you don't have to put your act together, to be good, to be obedient BEFORE God chooses you?

For Youth: Re-read verses 4-5. Why should these verses be reassuring to us when we are struggling with trials and temptations?

2. What is the opposite of dead? How do we become alive according to verses 5, 8-9)?

For Youth: Re-read verses 6-7. What does Paul mean by this? Are there times when it is hard to believe you are alive with Christ, raised up with Christ and seated with Christ in the heavenly places?

3) If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then you are God's workmanship. God has prepared good works for you to do. How does that look different from the world's view of what is Good Works?

For Youth: Re-read verses 8-10. What is the relationship between us having been saved, and the good works God has prepared for us to do?

4) How should we encourage one another to good works?

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together in Christ -- by grace you have been saved--" (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Ephesians 1:5-6

