

EPHESIANS

WHO I AM AND WHY IT MATTERS

Today, we continue our series in the book of Ephesians. Our passage today paints a vivid picture of what the Gospel looks like in a person's life from A to Z. These verses teach us who we were before we met Christ, how we met Jesus, and what happens to us after we come to faith in Christ.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?
2. How could we turn today's passage into a "timeline of spiritual transformation"? How would you describe the process and pace of moving from verse 1 to verse 10? Why is it important to take the long view when looking for progress?
3. Paul doesn't mince words when describing our pre-Christian state. How does he describe our lives before salvation? Why is it important to remember who we were before salvation? How would most nonbelievers respond to reading this description of their lives?
4. All of humanity is spiritually dead until the Spirit awakens the soul to the life of God. Until this happens, our coworkers and neighbors are only physically alive but spiritually dead. Reflect on what we've already discussed in Ephesians and note what is ours in Christ and what nonbelievers do not have.
5. When you see people in your workplace or neighborhood, do you see them as spiritually alive or dead? Why or why not? How can we begin to see people through this lens more often?
6. Why is it that the longer we walk with the Lord, the more likely we are to forget the dire condition of our souls before we were made alive to God? How does Luke 18:9-14 serve as a warning for us regarding spiritual comparison? When are you most tempted to compare yourself to others spiritually?
7. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. Why should these verses stagger us (especially when we read them against the backdrop of our pre-Christian reality)? Why can we sometimes find ourselves unmoved by these truths? What can we do to keep our hearts from becoming indifferent toward them?
8. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on applying in your life this week?