

Worship: Coloring Outside the Lines

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Every single one of us is a worshipper

We worship from the moment we leave the womb. We love worship.

*Would you describe yourself as loving worship?

*What do you find yourself worshipping?

Read and discuss

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.^[a] He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

*What is this part of the passage telling us about worship?

Read and discuss

Ephesians 2:4-9 (NLT)

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

*How does this passage reflect our life when it is painted over by the master?

*What might it be saying about worship?

You are God’s masterpiece

What the enemy started painting, God painted something new - you in Christ - over it.

*Are you considering yourself a masterpiece these days? How are you a work of art?

The good we do is our worship to God

He invites us to be artists as well and puts the brush in our hands.

*Where are some places you give color?

*How does this change your perspective of worship?