

From a Mess to a Masterpiece

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Also: Lamentations 3:22-24; Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Philippians 3:20-21

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scripture passages?

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. **What do you find comforting in this passage? Encouraging? Offensive? Why?**
2. **What does verse one tell you about your past? About the past of others? What does it tell you about those around you who are not yet believers?**
3. The first words of verse 4 (in the ESV) contain the pivotal words, "But God."
 - Really, our entire lives revolve around those words. We were one way before, then God intervened ("But God"), and now we are different after.
 - **How would you describe your, "before," your "but God" moment, and your "after"?**
4. The phrasing in verse 10 refers to believers as God's workmanship, or His masterpiece.
 - **Do you view yourself that way? Why or why not? If not, how would changing that affect you?**
 - **Do you view other believers as God's masterpiece? How would changing that affect your relationships with other believers?**
5. **As you consider your spiritual life, where you came from, and your "but God" moment, what is one thing God is challenging you to change today?**

May we walk in humility and thanksgiving with our great God who is rich in mercy and has great love for us!