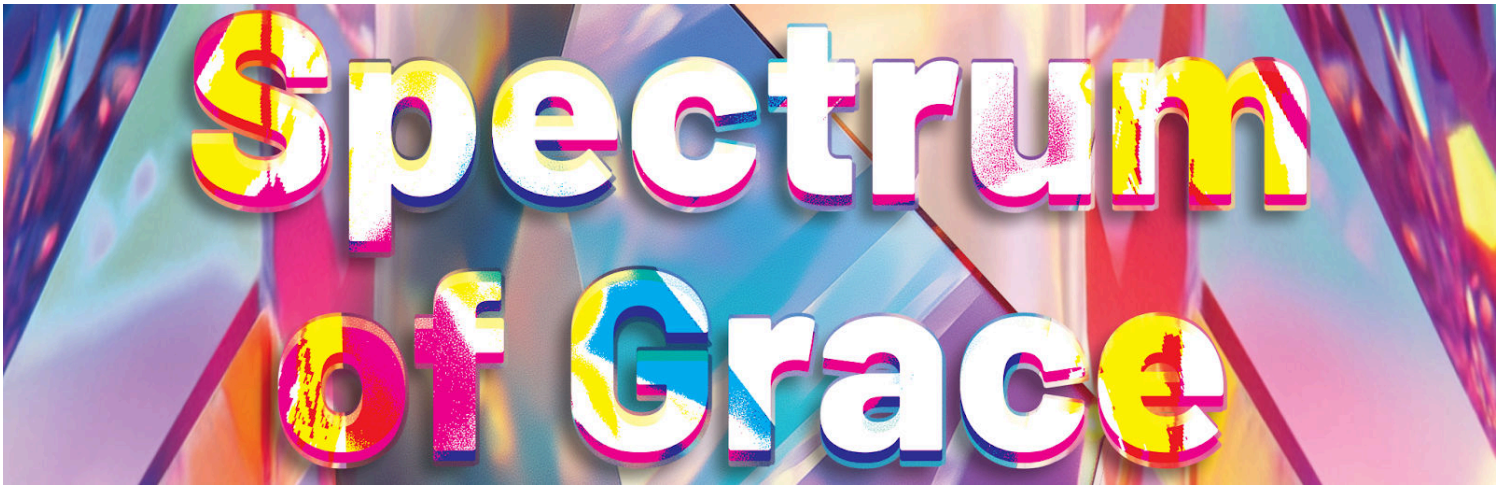


Week of August 24, 2025 - We Shall See God Small Group Lesson 5

Connect

Can you think of a time when you saw someone you had not seen in a long time, in a completely new light? Perhaps they were young and had matured and grown older, or maybe your own perspective had changed. Why do you think things changed?

Verses - Ephesians 2:1-10 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In vv.1-3, Paul paints a bleak picture of our past, calling us "dead in trespasses and sins". Pastor Jesse used a graphic story about his dog to illustrate our foolishness. How does this illustrate the way God saw us? Why is it important to remember where we came from?

2. Pastor Jesse emphasized a particular phrase in the verses "But God..." (v. 4). Why are these the most important words in this passage?

3. Verses 5-6 say we were made alive, raised up, and seated "together with Christ". What does this shared position in the heavenly places mean for our daily lives and struggles?

4. V.10 says we are God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works". How does this verse clarify the relationship between grace and works? In what way are we both a masterpiece and a work in progress?

Share

Discuss 1:

The sermon concluded with Job's story, showing that how we see God changes everything. Job said, *"...now my eye sees you"* (Job 42:5). If we truly see God as rich in mercy and great in love, how should that change the way we view people who are difficult to love with our grace?

Discuss 2:

Pastor Jesse asked, "Can people see God when you are around?" What is one way you can make that happen this week?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.