

Sunday 13th February – Ephesians 2:1-10

From death to life

On Sunday we started with stories of going in the wrong direction – have you ever been travelling the wrong way and been unaware? What happened?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

This shows us the ‘what’ and ‘why’ of living our lives in the wrong direction and heading away from God. What characterises this way of life?

How have you seen the external pressure from the world, and the internal pressure of our own desires at work to draw people away from God?

Verses 1-3 paint a bleak picture of life without God. Thankfully verse 4 begins with a very significant ‘But’.

Read Ephesians 2:4-10

Pick out how this passage says that we have been saved – the different reasons how, and why – or why not!

What stands out as most significant to you from this passage?

If you have time Read Luke 7:36-50. How does this story from the life of Jesus help us understand more fully what God has done for us in saving us, and how we should respond?

Ephesians 2 helps us understand another angle of what the gospel is. How might you use the truth in this passage to explain to someone who doesn’t yet know Jesus something about the gospel? Or how could you explain your own journey of faith with the understanding we now have of this passage?

Read verse 10 again. What do good works have to do with our salvation?

On Sunday Andy offered the challenge of praying each morning to see the good works God has prepared for you. Have you tried this? How did it go? If not, is this a challenge you could take on?