

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How are we saved from sin?
- How does Jesus bring people together as a family?
- Why does God save all kinds of people?

Together in Jesus

Ephesians 2-3

STORY POINT: THE GOSPEL BRINGS TOGETHER DIFFERENT PEOPLE AS THE CHURCH.

Paul wrote a letter to the church at Ephesus. This is what Paul said.

“Before you knew Jesus, you were dead in your sins. You used to live like the world, like those who choose to disobey God. But God, who is full of mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with Christ!”

Then Paul explained what else God has done for everyone who trusts in Jesus. “God raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with Him in the heavens. For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves: it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”

Paul reminded the Ephesians that they were Gentiles—not Jews. “You were born outside of God's chosen people. You were not part of Israel. You didn't know God, and you had no hope,” he said. “But now, Jesus has brought you into God's family by dying on the cross.”

Paul dedicated his life to sharing the good news of Jesus with Gentiles. God called Paul to this work so all people—Jews and Gentiles—would know that they are members of the same body, partners in the promises of Jesus.



Christ Connection: The gospel brings together all people who have faith in Jesus. God's salvation is a gift of grace, not something we can earn with good works. Forgiven sinners come together as the church to obey God and do His work in the world.

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