

I've Got Questions: Why do I need to be saved?

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

Opening Discussion: Why is it so difficult to admit that we need help? Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to be saved? What is the difference between needing help and needing to be saved? If sin requires a savior, and that savior saves us from a desperate situation, why is it so difficult for people to come to the point where they admit they need to be saved?

Big Idea: We need to be _____ from our sin to rightly know God and be useful for His _____.

1. **Main Point #1 - Jesus came to make _____ people _____.**
(Ephesians 2:___ - ___)

For further discussion: Why is it so important to understand our true spiritual condition prior to embracing Jesus? (See Romans 6:23: What does this passage teach us about our spiritual state and the cause of that state? What added encouragement does the Apostle Paul give us in Romans 6:23?). What does it take to understand your true spiritual condition? When is a time you were faced with the truth of your condition?

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2. **Main Point #2 - God _____ us because of his great _____ and _____.**
(Ephesians 2:___ - ___)

For further discussion: What is so significant about God saving sinners? What did we deserve? (See Romans 5:8: Justice is often defined by getting what you deserve. Mercy is often described as not getting what you deserve. How does Ephesians 2 and Romans 5:8 showcase God's mercy?)

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3. **Main Point #3 - We are _____ for a _____.**
(Ephesians 2:___ - ___)

For further discussion: What is the significance for humans that we have a purpose in God's kingdom? How do you practice living out God's purpose in your daily life? (See Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 25:31-40, Matthew 5:9, James 1:27, Matthew 16:24: What do these passages teach us about what Christians are saved for? Which purpose will you focus on this coming week?). What are some ways that people short sell themselves in relation to their purpose in the kingdom? Is it possible to be a "lazy" Christian?

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Response: How have you _____ since you were made alive in Christ? If you don't yet know Jesus, do you want to be _____?