

# Everything *is* DIFFERENT

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## *Introduction*

Everything is different when you decide to follow Jesus. In Christ, you have a new identity that transforms your life. Together, we're walking through the book of Ephesians unpacking what this means and its impact on our lives today. In week two, Pastor John led us through Ephesians chapter two and the implications of Jesus' resurrection power in our lives.

## *Discussion*

1. **Revisit and read Ephesians 2:1-3.** Before believing in Jesus, each of us were dead in our sins – our spirits and souls were unable to connect with God. Share what your life looked and felt like before believing in Jesus. What did you rely upon? Did it feel like you were missing something or needed help? Do you notice any similar trends in one another's stories?
2. Last week, you shared when you heard the Gospel and everything changed. This week, share when you realized how disconnected and broken you were because of sin. Did this realization help open you up to hearing the Gospel? If so, how?
3. While we don't want to get stuck in our past mistakes and sin, Pastor John encouraged us to not forget them **so that** we can remember how great God's transformative power has been – and is – in our lives. How did spending time in the previous two questions help remind you of the work God has done in your life? What does this kind of reflection remind you of or encourage in you?
4. **Revisit and read Ephesians 2:4-7.** The power of God moves us from death to life. The same power he used to raise Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20) is the power he's using to transform us now (not someday). How can this truth help you strive with God toward what he has, wants, and expects of you?
5. **Revisit and read Ephesians 2:8-10.** The power of God moves us from death to life **for a purpose**. How are you currently living out this purpose through "good works" on a large or small scale? Any nudges you're sensing from God here these days?

## *Application*

- **Keep reading.** Join us in reading through Ephesians over the course of this series! A daily devotional through this book of the Bible is available on [The Bible App](#).
- **Keep remembering.** It is all too easy to forget God's transformational power in our lives. Take time each day (or each hour if you're already there) to intentionally stop, reflect on the truths in Ephesians 2, and thank God for the power he's working in and through you.
- **Keep living with purpose.** Remember, God's love is for you and everyone else. He's given you a purpose to live in such a way that communicates and demonstrates his transformational power so those around you can catch a glimpse of what God can actually do – and maybe even wonder about it for themselves.