

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Biblically Incorrect”**

### **Complement to lesson on 08/15/21 – “If You Work Hard Enough, You Will Succeed”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Would you rather work two full-time jobs for ten years, or one full-time job for thirty years?
2. If you were selected to represent your country in Olympic three-legged racing, who would you chose as your partner? How likely would you be to succeed?

#### **MEMORIZE – 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

#### **READ Ephesians 2:1-10**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read this passage? What sticks out to you?
  - a. What general observations can you make? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
3. Have you ever seen a “No Trespassing” sign on someone’s property? What does Paul mean in verse 1 when he says we were dead in our “trespasses and sins?” (Some suggest that both terms were used simply for extra emphasis, while others think this is to highlight that we are all guilty of inherited sin through Adam AND our own individual “trespasses” against God’s boundaries. A third theory is that Paul is making sure both intentional (willful) and non-intentional offenses (mistakes/errors) against God’s Holy Law are understood to be the cause of our spiritual “deadness.”) If we are spiritually “dead” ... how do we become “alive?” (Hint: Verses 4-8)
4. If it is God in His grace who makes us alive (Verse 5), and we are saved “not of our own doing...not a result of works,” (Verses 8-9) does that mean we have no part to play?
  - a. What does Verse 10 have to say about this?
  - b. How about 1 John 2:3-6? Philippians 2:12-13?

## **Experiential activity – Envision Surrender**

This week, Dana encourages us to have an “Ezekiel-like surrender.” First, we must admit that no matter how hard we work, we will be unable on our own to bring life to that which is dead in our lives, and then we must rely on God to sanctify us through His Son. (Go back and read Ezekiel 37:1-14 if you don’t remember the story!)

As a means of helping you visualize your commitment to surrender these things in your life, write down that which you are struggling to hand over to God on a piece of paper and then destroy it in a way that symbolizes your release. Run it through a paper shredder, burn it in a campfire, or come up with your own creative method of destruction. Examples of things to surrender might be a struggle with a particular sin, worry about the future, unhealthy thought patterns, or areas where your will doesn’t line up with God’s.

If completing this activity as a group, invite those who are willing to share what they are seeking to surrender to do so, and pray over each other for God’s strength “to will and to work” through you.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Hillsong : I Surrender - <https://youtu.be/jgsqfjRslzA>

Casting Crowns : Who Am I - <https://youtu.be/3rT8Re1EIQc>

The Isaacs : I Surrender All - [https://youtu.be/\\_W3pBsWmnOs](https://youtu.be/_W3pBsWmnOs)

Listen- Relent : Surrendered - <https://youtu.be/YPUNGawQxqo>

Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord - (Mennonite Hymnal #362)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the series:**

Father God, open our eyes to your truth. (Psalm 119:17-18)

Do not allow us to walk in darkness. (Isaiah 42:16)

May your Word be as a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105)

Guide us by your Holy Spirit to walk in the truth, bringing glory to the name of Jesus! (John 16:13-14)