



What's Wrong With Us?

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Discussion Guide: Week 7

Lean In

- Have you ever been to an old-fashioned revival meeting or a stadium-type evangelistic crusade (e.g., Billy Graham, etc.)? What were your impressions?

Look Around

- How does our culture answer the question: What's Wrong with Us?"
- If you have had a conversation with a friend around this "Big" question, what have they said?

Look Down

Eph 2:1-3 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

- In his sermon, Paul mentioned that: "Apart from Christ, we are Dead, Disobedient, and Doomed." How easy or hard is it for you to accept that idea? Has there ever been a time when you were especially aware of that truth? What was happening in your life?

Eph 2:4-6⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- What words or phrases mean the most to you in this section?
- What words or phrases are the hardest for you to believe about yourself in this section?

Look In

This week's Big Idea to this Big Question: While APART from God we are dead, disobedient, and doomed, WITH God we can be saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

- Have you received that free gift of grace?
- How might that change your way of responding to God and to others?

Look Beyond

- Who in your life needs to hear you remind them of God's grace?