

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Grace Upon Grace

Ephesians 2:4-9

Getting Started

What was the most unusual gift you received this past Christmas?

Digging In

1. **Read Ephesians 2:1-10.** What was our condition before God saved us? (vv. 1-3)
2. What does our salvation reveal about God's character? (v. 4)
3. How would you explain the difference between mercy and love?
4. What action words does Paul use in vv. 5-6 to describe what God has done in saving us?
5. How does v. 5 relate to what Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:3?
6. What do you think it means that God *raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms*? (see Colossians 3:1-3 and Hebrews 1:3)
7. How is God's future grace seen in v. 7?
8. In what ways does Paul make clear in vv. 8-9 that salvation is a gift to be received, not something we can earn?
9. How do we receive this gift?
10. How is the centrality of Christ in salvation seen through this passage? (Note the occurrences of *with Christ* and *in Christ*.)



Getting Personal

- Read slowly through this passage, pausing to personalize each verse and to meditate on the meaning and implications.
- How have you personally experienced God's grace?
- Take time to thank God for his love, grace, mercy and kindness shown to us in Christ Jesus.
- What does it mean to live in grace?
- What does it look like to show grace to others?