

Review:

Lesson 1: The Family of God

Lesson 2: Eyes to See

Our Story **Ephesians 2:1-10**

If there is no God, then our only way forward in this life is by engaging the powers of this world (economic, political, social powers); but there is a God, and devoting our lives to these powers is not thriving. It is simply being _____.

Discussion 1. Before you began following Jesus, in which powers of this world (social, economic, political, physical, etc.) were you most likely to place your hope? What did that look like for you? How has that changed since you have begun following Jesus?

All our spiritual stories start with, “there was a time in my life when...”; for Christ followers, the next two words are the point of our testimony: _____ . Without that simple turn of phrase, we have no testimony.

Discussion 2. How would you fill in these blanks in your testimony: “There was a time in my life when _____; but God _____.”? Which of these blanks is the more important part of your testimony? Why?

While _____ we must choose daily to follow Jesus, our salvation itself is not a result of any _____ or _____ on our part at all. It is strictly a work of God’s grace.

Discussion 3. While we have a part to play in following Jesus and in being obedient to his will, we have no part to play in our actual salvation. How would you explain this distinction to a 6-year-old? Why is it an important distinction to understand?

Our salvation is not a _____ of our _____; rather, our good works are a result of our salvation and of the Spirit of God working through us to accomplish things we could never accomplish on our own.

Discussion 4. God created you (and gifted you) for specific good works. But, how do you discern what those works are? What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you to know and experience God’s will in your life?