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But God

Ephesians 2:1-7

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Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: What trivial show/entertainment are you into right now?
2. In Ephesians 2:1–3, Paul describes humanity as “dead in trespasses and sins.” What does that language reveal about the seriousness of sin? Why does God care?
3. What does it mean that we were “by nature” children of wrath? Compare Romans 5:12. How does that make us vulnerable to the three enemies of the faith – the world, the devil and the flesh?
4. Verse 4 begins with “But God.” Why are those two words so important in this passage, and how do they change the direction of the story? Do you have a “but God” moment in your own life?
5. Paul says God is “rich in mercy” and acted “because of the great love with which he loved us.” How does this shape the way we understand salvation?
6. Why do you think we often find it easier to believe God is just or powerful than to believe He is truly rich in mercy toward us personally or towards others?
7. We have received infinitely more than we deserve. How could that change issues like comparison & jealousy, entitlement, insecurity, etc?
8. How does it change your view of your current struggles to know that your life is intended to be a "trophy of grace" for all eternity?