EPHESUS: SEE THE GOOD

Ephesians 2:1-10

Memory verse: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good

works..." - Ephesians 2:10

Ephesus was one of the largest cities in the Roman Empire and a major center of trade, culture, and religion. It was home to the great temple of Artemis, and a city where many competing worldviews shaped people's identities. Paul spent more than two years there, helping to establish a strong church and later writing a letter to remind them who they really were—not defined by the culture around them, but by God's grace. In the letter, he emphasizes that salvation is not something you earn, but a gift of grace. And more than that, every person is God's handiwork—created for a purpose.

| Monday: Read Ephesia | ıns 2:1-5. |
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What's something you've seen God make new or better—either in the world or in your life? How does knowing God loves you influence how you see yourself?

□ Tuesday: Read Ephesians 2:6-7.

How would you describe the "incomparable riches of God's grace" (NIV)? How have you experienced God's kindness recently?

☐ Wednesday: Read Ephesians 2:8-9.

Why do you think it's hard for people to accept a gift without earning it? What makes God's grace so special?

☐ Thursday: Read Ephesians 2:10.

What's something good you think God encouraged you to do? What does it mean that you are God's *handiwork*?

□ Friday: Read Psalm 139:13-14.

What's something unique or special about how God made you? How can remembering that you're wonderfully made help you when you feel unsure of yourself?

☐ Saturday: Read Genesis 1:27.

How might remembering that everyone is made in God's image change how we see and treat each other?

For anyone struggling with whether they matter, Paul says: You are chosen. You belong. You were made for something good.

Core Value: We value every individual as wonderfully made by God.