



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

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SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

"Freely Saved " / Eph 2:1-10

- We are all naturally rebellious towards God (v3)
- This “sucks” the life out of us (v1-2)
- Yet God gifted us with Life and Hope (v4-7)
- Even though we didn’t earn or deserve such a blessing (v8-9)
- He still presents us as an example of His great workmanship (v10)

Share a time when you really struggled to do what God asked of you. Is there a teaching that you feel tempted to ignore and to do your own thing? Why is it important to acknowledge our rebellious spirit

Share an experience where worldly thinking resulted in disappointment and pain. You thought it would bring happiness, but it failed to deliver. Paul talks about the “ruler of the kingdom of the air” What is the danger of not recognising the voice of the evil one? Have you ever felt empty and flat as a result of pursuing pleasure? Why does rebellion towards God suck the life out of us?

Read v 4-7 slowly. Identify together in your group the many examples of God’s blessings that we find in these amazing verses. How does each of these insights of what God has done, and will do, fill you with hope?

Share together the impact of God’s act of grace towards you. Are you ever tempted to boast about “your efforts”? Do you struggle to fully understand the depth of this amazing gift? What changes when the full measure of this truth finally hits home?

How would you describe the quality of God’s handiwork?

v 10 tells us that we are living examples of God’s creative power – Is that how you see yourself? Do you have the confidence that God created you in a way where you can serve Him effectively? God creates unique and personal opportunities for you in advance - to serve Him. How do you respond to this challenging but very rewarding truth?



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