



Small Group Discussion Guide

October 29, 2017

Sermon Title:

"A Few Questions"

Sermon Text: *Ephesians 2:8-10*

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 128*

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: Have you ever had to write a report or summarize an event? If so, do you remember the form and style of writing you used? Can you remember the "5 Ws and 1 H" method of research? Let's use it today on our passage.

Discussion:

1. The Pastor chose a very familiar passage of scripture to examine in his sermon today. Do you remember any particulars about Ephesians 2?
2. It was author Rudyard Kipling who created the little poem that helps us remember the method of journalism that answers most of our questions. It goes as follows:
***"I keep 6 honest serving men (They taught me all I knew)
Their names are What and Why and When, and How and Where and Who"***
3. Let's use this formula and unpack all that this passage has to say to us:
 - * **WHO?.....** **"You"** Though Paul was writing this in 60 A.D., it has application as if it were written to us this morning. God's word is a living word. How does it speak to you most clearly?
 - * **WHAT?.....** **"have been saved"** Being saved is the result of putting one's faith in the work of Jesus on the cross. It comes by confessing that we are sinners incapable of saving ourselves. When did you come to this understanding?
 - * **HOW?.....** **"by grace through faith"** (Reference these 3 scriptures re: faith)
 - 1) John 14:6
 - 2) Hebrews 11:1
 - 3) Romans 10:9,10
 - * **WHY?.....** **"to do good works"** After all the other questions are asked, it seems logical that a "Why" question should follow. While this passage clearly states that we are not saved **"BY"** works, we certainly are saved **"FOR"** doing them. **What "good works" do you enjoy doing?**

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests. **GO SHARE JESUS!**