

## What Does the Bible Say About... SALVATION WEEK 4

### Starter Question

What are some unforgettable times in your life that someone came to our rescue when you felt completely hopeless?

### **READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

#### **1. OUR PROBLEM**

1. Man is the most special of all God's creation
2. God created man with a specific purpose
3. God created man with a specific design
4. Man broke this special relationship by sinning
5. All people are sinners
6. All people are condemned to God's judgment
7. Only Jesus can restore perfect order

#### **2. GOD ALONE PROVIDES**

- 2 Corinthians 5:19
- WHY WOULD GOD DO THIS?
  - Psalm 103:17, Lamentations 3:22-23
- HOW DOES GOD SAVE US?
  - John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 9:22, 1 John 2:2, John 14:6

#### **3. OUR RESPONSE**

- a) Repentance - Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30
- b) Faith - Ephesians 2:8-9
- c) Regeneration - 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:28
- d) Sanctification - Philippians 1:6

### Further Discussion

1. Thinking about the message this past Sunday, what was the most exciting thing you learned? What do you have more questions about?
2. Why do you think we often believe that we can save ourselves in our story?
3. In what ways does knowing that God brings everything to the table for our salvation provide relief? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think so many people resist God's gift of salvation when it's free for all that believe and requires nothing on our part?
5. In thinking about our response to God's free gift of salvation, what parts are the easiest and what parts are the hardest? Why?
6. In thinking about salvation and sanctification, do you think one is easier than the other? Why or why not? What are some practical steps we can take to become more like Christ (*hint: Galatians 3:1-3*)?

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