

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### The Pathway: Ministry

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#### DISCUSSION:

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-5. We were once condemned and spiritually dead. What changed and why?
2. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Note that verse 9 says "works" and verse 10 says "good works." Why is this significant?
3. Ministry has been defined as "carrying forth Christ's mission in the world," which includes doing good works. (A) What is an example of a "good work"? Is it small daily choices or something big? Is it just living the Spirit-filled life? (B) Since God has laid out good works in advance for you, how do you know what those good works are?
4. (A) Read James 1:22. It would appear from this passage that having Bible knowledge can sometimes be a trap. Why is this possible? (B) Read James 2:8, 14-17 and 24. What is the antidote?
5. How can spending time alone with God help motivate our actions, including good works?
6. What does it mean to you to be God's "workmanship" or "handiwork"? How does this personalize who God created you to be?
7. (A) What good work by a fellow Christian have you observed? (B) What is a good work you believe the Lord has prepared for you to do in the future? This could be helping or leading a ministry in the church, community outreach, helping a friend or family member, evangelism, going on a missions trip, civic involvement, or something else.
8. Why are we to do good works? How do they affect those who observe them? (See Tuesday's devotional.)

#### APPLICATION:

Refer to discussion question 7(B): What is a good work you believe the Lord has prepared for you to do in the future? What do you need to do to start that good work?

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### GOD IS ON A MISSION...YOU HAVE A PART

- I. God is on a mission to do something **IN** you.  
Rev 5:9-10;  
Eph 2:8-10
  - A. The cause of salvation is **GRACE**.
  - B. The means of salvation is **FAITH**.
  - C. The effects of salvation: **GOOD WORKS**.
- II. God is on a mission to do something **THROUGH** you.  
I Cor 7:17;  
Jos 1:2-5

How do I gain clarity on my unique part in God's mission?

- A. **KNOW** yourself.  
I Cor 12:4-7
  - 1) Different **GIFTS**
  - 2) Different **SERVICE**
  - 3) Different **WORKING**
- B. **SHOW** yourself.
- C. **GO** yourself.  
I Pet 4:10-11