

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

Intro

- 🕒 Welcome everyone. (Make sure everyone knows each other, register etc.) Remember to stick to the covid-19 safety policy. Remain 2m plus at all times.
- 🕒 **Ask what are you grateful for this week? What have you found to be a challenge this week?**
- 🕒 Play a game or do an icebreaker.
- 🕒 Can you pray to start?

Intro Questions

- 🕒 How did it feel to be allowed to go out after lockdown?
- 🕒 What were the things you missed the most?
- 🕒 What does it mean to be free?

Key Scripture

🕒 **Ephesians 2:1-5** - In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God. Actually all of us were like them and lived according to our natural desires, doing whatever suited the wishes of our own bodies and minds. In our natural condition we, like everyone else, were destined to suffer God's anger. But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.

Questions

- 🕒 What do you think of this passage?
- 🕒 What do you think it means to follow the world's evil way? Where do you see this playing out in school or college or in the world around you today?
- 🕒 What do you think about Paul (the writer of this passage) saying that all of us were like them following the ways of our natural desire? Can you identify when you follow your own natural desire?
- 🕒 Look again at verse 3 - can you see where people today do whatever makes themselves happy? What are the consequences of doing this?
- 🕒 How do we make sure that we don't too fall down this path?
- 🕒 What does this passage tell us about God?
- 🕒 How should we respond to God freeing us from sin?

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