

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: What difference does God make to life?

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Date: 25th January 2026 (AM)

- What have you read in the Bible this week that has challenged or encouraged you?
- Have you seen any answers to prayer?
- Any opportunities to talk about the Lord Jesus with anyone?
- Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and praying for one another.

Study

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What is Grace and why is it Amazing?
2. Many of our friends, family, neighbours and colleagues remain in v.1-3. When one of them asks you what you're learning at church / connect group, how might you use this passage to graciously point them to Jesus?
3. Thinking about 'spiritual geography' we saw how that could transform how we view situations of failure, of feeling distant, and of guilt. In what other situations do the truths that we are made alive, raised and seated with him make a difference?
4. What things can we boast in and what things can't we boast in? (see Rom. 5, 2 Cor. 1) Why is Paul so keen to stamp out boasting? (see also 1 Cor.)
5. In v.10 Paul speaks about 'good works'. How does this verse help us respond to:
 - a. The person who believes we need to do 'good works' to 'confirm our salvation'
 - b. The person who thinks good works are irrelevant to the Christian life
6. Make a list of all the things which you did to contribute to your salvation. Now make a list of all the things that God did in Christ for your salvation – use this list as a springboard to pray and give thanks.

Pray

- Pray that those who came to the Alpha course last week will return on 28th January when we consider, 'Why did Jesus die?' Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring understanding and faith.