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Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. What was a New Year's tradition for you growing up or a tradition now?

Read Ephesians 2:1 - 10

Questions

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

1. In Paul's mind, what is the situation every human finds themselves in (vv1 - 3)? In other words, what is the problem?
2. What is the revolutionary idea that Paul communicates in verse 4- 9?
3. Talk about the importance of the logical flow of this passage (sin, grace, good works).

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

1. Why do you think when Paul talks about sin here he doesn't point out the sin in others but wants his listeners to remember their own sinful pasts?
2. In your own words what does "saved by grace through faith" mean? Why is this so different from other ways of approaching religion?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

1. If you have never taken time as a group to share your salvation stories, consider doing so (or beginning to do so) tonight.
2. If you have already shared your salvation stories as a group before, talk about where God has rescued you over this past year.
3. What else do you find yourself thankful to God for when you look back on 2017?
4. Where do you need to trust for God as you go into 2018?

Pray for one another