

• **Discussion Starter:** What area of your life has this Sunday's message caused you ponder and reflect on the most after hearing the sermon?

Without Christ We Are Spiritually Hopeless (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 8:6-8; John 3:3; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

- What are some of the reasons that political platforms use to legislate plans against the hopelessness of the evil in the world? How do they differ fundamentally from God's reasons and plan?
- In Ephesians 2:1, Paul states that before being saved, we were **spiritually dead** in our trespasses and sins. How do the verses in Romans 8:6-8 describe this spiritually dead condition, and how does it impact our relationship with God?
- According to John 3:3 and 1 Corinthians 2:14, in what ways are our senses being affected if we are spiritually **dead**?
- Paul reminds the Ephesians in verses 2-3 that they once walked according to the course of this world and its influences. How does that compare and contrast to the life of liberty that we now have in Christ?

With Christ We Are Made New (Ephesians 2:4-7, Ephesians 1:19-20, Romans 6:12-14)

- What is the process by which God has chosen to give us **spiritual life** and why do you think He has chosen to do it this specific way? What prompted you to see Christ as the most valuable thing in your life?
- The power that God displayed in raising Christ from the dead is also the power used to save us. What additional access to God's power do we have after being saved according to Romans 6:12-14? What is the purpose for God giving us this power?
- We see that in addition to giving us spiritual life, God also gives us an inheritance in Christ. How would you describe the impact this inheritance has on your life today? Are you a **spirit empowered pilgrim** or is there still something hindering you from experiencing all that God has for you today?