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God's Vision for His Church

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Psalm 128; Ephesians 2:4-7; Mark 10:2-16

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Notes

Memory Verses: "*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved.*" - Ephesians 2:4-5

Next Week's Verses: Psalm 90; Ephesians 2:8-10; Mark 10:17-22

Digging Deeper

For More Information

Talk Topics

As you read the book of Ephesians, Paul uses the word "*you*" quite a bit. The more accurate understanding would have been, "*Y'all*." Does it change our understanding of things knowing Paul means, "*Y'all*" and not just "you?"

God's love, mercy, kindness, and grace are some of Paul's big ideas for the church in these four verses

Who or what can shape and disciple us that perpetuates walking according to the ways of this world?

What is one thing that God is calling us to believe or do as a result of hearing today's message?

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Discuss these with your family or missional community this week.

- *SEEKING THE KINGDOM:* How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- *HEARING FROM JESUS:* What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- *TALKING WITH PEOPLE:* What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- *DOING GOOD:* What good can you do around here?
- *MINISTERING THROUGH PRAYER:* How can we help you in prayer?

Further Study and Discussion throughout the week

Use the following passages and questions to explore additional Biblical insights about your heart.

Monday and Tuesday–*Ephesians 2:1-7*
Why does grace call us to remember who we were when God saved us? Do we tend to think that others are beyond God's reach?

In what ways can the church take the love of God for granted?

Wednesday and Thursday–*Ephesians 2:4-7*
What does it mean to be made alive in Christ? Why have we been saved? How would you share that with a friend or neighbor?

How can we become rich in mercy towards others?

Friday–*Ephesians 2:4-7*
What do you think Paul means when he tells us that we are seated with Christ in heavenly realms?

Saturday
Spend the day praying for a deeper understanding of how the church is called to show the incomparable riches of His grace to the world.