

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. If we are in Christ, how should our interactions with others be different because we are part of God's family?

2. It's been said that we, as Christians, should hate the sin, but love the sinner. Why is living in that tension such a challenge for us? How can we include others, without affirming their sin?

Name someone you know who is far from God and take some time to pray for them as a group.

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

Made Alive series: From Death to Life

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Text: Ephesians 2

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1. We were _____.

There are two kinds of people of don't appreciate grace: Those who've

_____ had it ... and those who think they've _____ had it.

Read Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23.

2. We have been _____ from death.

_____ : When I get what I deserve.

_____ : When I don't get what I deserve.

_____ : When I get what I don't deserve.

Grace is not natural ... it's _____.

Grace: _____ favor.

_____ is the gift that comes to us by grace through faith.

3. We are made _____ in Christ.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 26:31-35; 1 Peter 2:23-24; Isaiah 53:3-4;
Matthew 26: 67; Matthew 27:45-46; Isaiah 53:5-10.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of October 23, 2022

GETTING STARTED _____

1. What have you taken away from the *Made Alive* series so far? Was there something from Sunday's message that really stood out to you?
2. When you think of the word "LOST," what word pictures come to mind?
3. Describe a time when you got lost or were headed in the wrong direction. Was it while driving, in a relationship, or some other situation?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. When a person is lost, they must change directions to get back on track. How did your own "change in direction" through Christ come about?

Name and discuss one or two people who had a profound influence in you becoming a Christian. What was it about them that made such an impact on you?

How are you different now since coming to faith in Christ? Describe an event that was significant in your spiritual journey.

2. According to **2 Corinthians 5:17**, if anyone is in Christ, we are a new creation. Read the following verses. What do these verses call those who are in Christ?

- **1 Peter 2:9**

- **Galatians 4:7**

- **John 15:15**

What comes to mind when you hear these new names?

3. Many people think their salvation is earned by doing good works (**Ephesians 2:8-10**). Do you feel like you need to earn God's favor or grace? If so, explain.

4. Since salvation is received through the Person and work of Jesus Christ, why is it vital to understand that salvation is a *gift* we cannot earn, and not a *prize*?

If our works don't save us, then what purpose do they serve?