



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Eph. 2:1-7

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Open the Bible. Read Eph. 2:1-7

Have someone read this overview:

Sermon Summary:

Much of the world is in chaos and Covid-19 has increased the level of chaos in 2020. While most people look to politicians or local leaders to solve the problems of chaos some would even turn to violence. First we need to see the source of all chaos and then we need to see the source of salvation from chaos.

James Dunn describes the pre-Christian state as “dead in trespasses and sins under the domination of evil powers (angels) who led them astray.” All people before becoming Christians not only committed sins and trespasses but also were under the control and domination of evil power.

Christ defeated Satan and the evil powers through his resurrection and ascension. As believers we are united to Christ and because of Christ’s victory we have authority over the evil powers. Based on

the fact that we are joined to Christ we are spiritually alive, we are raised with Christ and seated with Christ in the heavens. Our faith has brought us into an union with Christ who is the victor over the evil powers. That makes us victors as well. Hallelujah!

Discussion:

1. Paul says that in our pre-Christian state we were “dead” and “walking according to the ruler of the power of the air.” How would you describe this in your own words?
2. Give examples of the “way of the world.”
3. What are examples of “the spirit now working in the disobedient?”
4. Describe the characteristics of God based on verses 4 and 7. How do you or can you keep these characteristics of God foremost in your thoughts?
5. Verses 5 and 6 clearly state we are made alive, we are raised and seated with Christ. What are the implications of being made alive, being raised and seated with Christ?
6. How can these divine facts be a controlling factor in your life?

End with Prayer.

- Ask the Father for enlightenment to see Christ' victory on the cross and what it means for you.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.