

RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Housekeeping

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

Read the Text

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 together.

Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Discussion

1/ Context is king. What is the context of this great passage about our salvation? Read 1:16 and following. Why is it significant that Paul is praying that the Christians in Ephesus would “see” these truths with their hearts?

2/ What is the difference between knowing about these truths, and knowing them personally? Does your faith story include a time when you experienced the difference? Share with the rest of the group.

3/ How could the realism of vv. 1-3 inform the way we look at these tumultuous times?

4/ How does the “God-optimism” of vv. 4-9 change the way you look at our hard circumstances? How do the truths about being united to Jesus’ work help your faith stay tenacious?

5/ How can v. 9 and v. 10 be true at the same time? Talk about how good works relate to tenacious faith. Are we saved by good works? If not, what role do good works have in our life?

6/ What good works could we “walk into” this week, not to earn God’s love, but in response to God’s love and grace?

Time of Prayer