



What's Your Excuse? - Week 4

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Icebreaker: Share a funny excuse you've used in the past to avoid doing something.

How did it turn out?

Group Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on Excuses: Reid Robinette challenges us to consider whether some of our reasons for not following Jesus are actually excuses. What are some "because" in your life that might be excuses rather than real reasons?
2. Purpose and Creation: Ephesians 2:10 states that we are God's handiwork, created to do good works. How does understanding that you are a "masterpiece" affect your view of your purpose in life?
3. Old Truth vs. New Truth: The sermon contrasts the "old truth" of being spiritually dead with the "new truth" of being made alive in Christ. How does this transformation impact your daily life and decisions?
4. Grace and Faith: Discuss how grace leads to faith, as opposed to needing to show faith to receive grace. How does this understanding of grace change your relationship with God and others?
5. Community and Action: The sermon encourages taking steps in following Jesus, such as joining a group or serving others. What is a practical step you feel called to take this week, and how can this group support you in that?
6. Emotional and Spiritual Response: What part of the sermon resonated most with you emotionally or spiritually? How can sharing these responses with the group enhance our communal support and growth?



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Scripture Exploration

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What are the key themes that Paul addresses in this passage?
- How does Paul describe our condition before and after receiving God's grace?
- What does the term "God's handiwork" mean in the context of Ephesians 2:10, and how does it relate to our identity?

Personal Reflection

- What does it mean to be "alive with Christ" as described in Ephesians 2:4-5? How does this concept challenge or affirm your current beliefs?
- How can understanding that you are God's "workmanship" influence your daily life and decisions?
- Consider the statement: "Grace leads to faith, not the other way around." How does this perspective shift your understanding of salvation?

Personal Application

- Identify one excuse you have used in the past that has prevented you from taking a step of faith. What truth can you speak to yourself to overcome it?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to align more closely with the purpose God has for you?
- Plan to engage with a Bible reading plan or group study during Lent. How will this commitment help you grow spiritually?