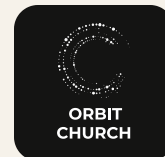


I Can't Lose!!

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Ephesians 2

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Can a person lose their salvation? Pastor Matt took that question to Ephesians 2, where Paul starts with hard news: we were dead in our sins. Dead people cannot work, so salvation was never something we earned. And if we did not earn it, we cannot un-earn it. Pastor Matt walked through Abraham and Hosea, two stories where God kept his promise to people who broke theirs. He landed on the Holy Spirit as a seal that does not come off.

To get started

- What is something you were given that you know you could never have earned?

Looking back at the message

Many in the room have carried this fear quietly. Say that it is common.

- 1 Pastor Matt opened by asking how many people have ever quietly wondered if they are really saved. When has that question shown up for you, and what set it off?
- 2 Paul says we were dead in our sins before God saved us. Dead people cannot work. So salvation cannot be earned, and it cannot be un-earned either. How does that argument land on you?
- 3 Pastor Matt said many people live below their calling because they keep wondering if they are really saved. Where have you seen that fear hold someone back? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 aloud. Verses 8-10 belong together.

- 4 Read Ephesians 2:1-5. What condition does Paul say we started in, and who does all the acting in these verses?
- 5 Verses 8 and 9 say we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. What reason does Paul give for setting it up that way?
- 6 Verse 10 says we were created to do good works anyway. If works do not earn salvation, what are they for?
- 7 Read Philippians 2:12-13. Paul says to work out your salvation, and that God works in you. How do those two fit together? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Assurance is the goal here, not carelessness. Keep both.

- 8 If nothing you did earned your salvation, what changes about how you handle the days you blow it?
- 9 Where have you been working to stay on God's good side instead of resting in his grace?
- 10 Some people worry that feeling secure makes a person careless. What has security actually produced in you, carelessness or gratitude?
- 11 What guilt have you been carrying that Ephesians 2 speaks to? OPTIONAL

The group together

People rarely admit doubt about this. A group is where it can be said.

- 12 Why is it so hard to admit, even to close friends, that you doubt your own salvation?
- 13 What would make this group a safe place to say that doubt out loud?
- 14 What would change in this group if everyone truly believed they were secure in Christ?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What would you do differently this week if you were completely certain God was holding you?

You might pray about

- For those quietly unsure whether they are really saved
- For rest rather than striving
- For gratitude that produces obedience rather than fear
- For a covering that does not depend on our performance