



SMALL GROUP RESOURCES



## Week 3: Remember when you first loved God?

1. Summarise the main points from the video

2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Don't rush. Take your time to soak in all the tremendous truths found in these verses.

- a. In verses 1-3 Paul paints a dramatic picture of the life a person lives when he or she does not know Jesus Christ. Write down a few words or phrases that describe humans before coming to Him.
- b. Write down the words in verses 4-7 that describe God. Now underline the title "Christ" in these four verses. Take a few minutes to praise Jesus for what He has given you as a result of giving up His life.
- c. Fill in the blanks in the following "personalized" version of verses 8-10:

"For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ I have been saved, through \_\_\_\_\_ -- and this not from myself, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – not by \_\_\_\_\_, so that I can boast. For I am God's \_\_\_\_\_, created in Christ Jesus to do good \_\_\_\_\_, which God prepared in advance for \_\_\_\_\_ to do."

3. Do you remember the moment when you "got it?" When you first realised you loved God with your heart, mind and soul? Share this moment with your group.

4. Can you as a group "remember the cross" throughout this week

5. Describe the difference between knowing God intellectually and knowing God intimately?

6. Francis says, "Most of us, to some degree, have a difficult time understanding, believing, or accepting God's absolute and unlimited love for us." Why is this so?

7. Are you in love with God or just His stuff or just what benefits you?

8. How does God demonstrate His love for you? Be specific.

**Challenge for the Week:** Commit to memorizing Ephesians 2:4-5. Write it on a post-it note, an index card, and on a piece of paper. Put one on your mirror in your bathroom, one on your car dashboard, and one next to your computer monitor or other place you will see it frequently.