

## **Growth Group Homework**

March 15th, 2015

Sermon Series: Restoration

Sermon Title: "God Restores Us"

Sermon Texts: Ephesians 2:1-10

Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

### **Getting to Know You**

Share about a time in your life in which you had to restore something back to usefulness. Was the process simple? What made your efforts effective?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. How is the devil ruler of this world? How much power does he have?
2. From Ephesians 2:1-3, make a list of all the words or phrases that describe a person who is apart from Christ. Which of those words or phrases most stands out to you? Why?

3. What words in verses 4-6 describe God's motive in giving us new life? What does it mean in verse 6 when Paul says that God has seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus? Also see Ephesians 1:3.

4. Look up and read the following passages: Romans 12:1-2, 2 Peter 1:3-8 and Galatians 4:19. What do these passages teach us about spiritual transformation?

### **Making it Personal**

6. Is the transformation evident in your life? How is being made alive unmistakable in you?
7. In verse 10 Paul declares that we are God's workmanship. And what gifts has God given you that could be used for His purposes?
8. This week make an effort to share your story of restoration in Christ with at least one unchurched person. As you are sharing, try to answer these two questions: (1) How has God restored you from your brokenness and sin? (2) How has he been changing your life daily?

### **Prayer**