OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How is our condition before Christ described? What are the implications of being born spiritually dead?

b) Ephesians 2:9 ends with "no one can boast." What do you tend to boast in in this life? What do you think makes your life valuable or makes you worthy of acceptance?

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verse 4 begins with "But God." How do verses 4-10 describe God(his character, his actions)? Which of these descriptive phrases stands out to you?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Eph. 2:8-9. What is the role of grace in our salvation? What is the role of faith? Have you personally received God's grace (gift) through faith?

b) God's grace is a costly grace. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What did it cost Jesus to offer us grace? Has the weight of what Christ did for you captured your heart?

b) Read verse 4-7 again. How is your position in Christ described? How might your life be different if you really embraced who you are according to verses 4-7?

APPLICATION

a) Ephesians 2:10. We do good from grace not for grace. What good works has God prepared for you to do in this season of your life? How can you make sure you are doing them from grace and not for grace?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his mercy, love, and grace.
- Confess ways that you have boasted in your own good deeds/worthiness.
- Thank Jesus for taking the cost of your sin upon himself.
- Ask God to help you to do good FROM grace.