

Ephesians 2:1-7 For the week of October 15, 2023

Reading the Text:

- 1. How would you summarize the ideas in Ephesians 1 in your own words?
- 2. What does it mean that we were "dead" in v. 1? Dead in what sense?
- 3. What was "the course of this world" in Paul's time? If you were to make a list of these values today, what would you include in the list?
- 4. Read vv. 4-7 together. Next, read 1:19b-21 together. Compare and contrast the language and emphases of these two passages. What do you notice, and what implications are there for us?
- 5. How would you state the "big idea" of this passage? What is the connection between last week's "big idea" and this week's?

Living It Out:

- 1. Has there ever been a time when you realized you were spiritually dead? What was that time like? What might we be missing if we haven't felt this yet?
- 2. How would you finish the phrase: "I was dead, but God..."?
- 3. From the values listed above in question #3 (under "Reading the Text"), which value stands out to you the most, and why? What would this value look like in light of a clearer, more accurate picture of Jesus?
- 4. What are some of the emotions that come with being "raised up" to new life with Christ? What does this new life feel like?

