# EPHESIANS PART OF SOMETHING BIG

### October 22, 2023



At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to Enjoy God Together.

And our vision is - To build joy-filled communities of faith whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3.

- **r1** A deepening relationship with God
- r2 A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS

C WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE



Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 10/18/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$132,296	\$1,077,173
2023 Budget	\$67,296	\$1,236,256
Difference	\$65,669	-\$159,083



Guys, don't miss out on a great afternoon outside while cheering each other on as we test our skills at Sport Shooting.

Date: Sunday, Nov. 19th
Time: 1:00-3:45pm
Where: Raahauge's Sporting Clay Range (Corona, CA)
Cost: \$40 per person – Lunch provided (+\$30 if you need to buy ammo)



You can register at *richfieldcc.org/events*, scan the QR code, or email Steven Huggins at *stevenh@richfieldcc.org* with questions.



**On October 29th**, we're going to gather for an All Church morning.

Join us at 10am for one, All Church service followed by food and fun at RCC Park and The Pavilion.

Children's Ministry (Babies - Route 56) will take place alongside service.



**On Saturday, November 4th,** from 10am to 2pm, welcome in the Christmas festivities and shop local vendors. There will be items for your home, yourself, and your loved ones plus some yummy treats available.

\$1 Entry donations. All boutique donations will benefit Women's Ministries at RCC.

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

#### Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# **NOTES:**

# God's Grace from Beginning to End

Ephesians 2:8-10

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Seeing the bigger picture of God's grace in salvation, from before the foundation of the world to the coming ages, empowers us to do the good works that He has for us to do today.

• God's grace saves sinners.

• God's grace destroys boasting.

• God's grace empowers good works.

#### **Life Group Discussion Questions** Ephesians 2:8-10 For the week of October 22, 2023

#### Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 2:1-7 from last week?
- 2. Is there any new information in 2:8 that we have not heard yet in Chapter 1 through 2:7? That our salvation comes from God? That it is a gift by His grace? That it comes by hearing and believing (faith)? What is the new information, or implication, that Paul shares in v. 9?
- 3. How does the exclusion of boasting apply to our salvation and the good works that God intends should continue from us in v. 10?
- 4. What does Paul mean that we were created "for good works"? What are those "good works"? What does it mean to "walk in them"?
- 5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 2:8-10 in your own words?

#### Living It Out:

- Look back at some of Paul's phrases in chapter 1 and 2: "He chose us", "we have redemption through His blood", "forgiveness of our trespasses", "we have an inheritance", we were "sealed with the Holy Spirit", and He "made us alive". When we read those through the lens of "grace" and the "gift of God", do they bring any emotions? If so, what emotions? How do they get expressed?
- 2. Clearly, Paul wants us to see God's involvement in the process of salvation from beginning to end. What would seeing that in your life do for your attitude, your confidence, your sense of optimism, and your view of the future?
- 3. Would seeing more of God's gracious activity in the process of salvation change the way we view of our "good works" today? If so, how?
- 4. How could we celebrate together the good works we are to be doing in a way that excludes boasting and honors the God who brought us to life in order to do them?

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