



**LIFE GROUP
WINTER
WEEK 2-
Restore_ Because of
Mercy**

Big Idea: *Why would someone want to worship God? Why would they want to lower themselves and live for God? What would be the motivation to do such a thing?*

Read Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

- 1. Romans 12:1 tells us that “in view of God's mercy” we should strive to worship Him. Why should God's mercy be a motivation for us to worship Him? How do we know we need mercy?**

Read Ephesians 2:1-6

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

- 2. Ephesians 2:1 says that before Christ enters our life, we are dead in our transgressions. Why is it important that we understand the condition of the human soul apart from Christ? What is the difference between being spiritually dead and just having bad behavior?**

3. *Ephesians 2:1-6 reveals that there are only two spiritual identities. In sin or in Christ. Our spiritual identify shapes how we think and behave in the world. How does a person who is in Christ think and behave differently as opposed to the individual who is "in sin"? Explain.*
4. *Ephesians 2:5 says "But because of His great love for us God...made us alive. Share the moment that God's love spiritually changed everything for you.*
5. *After receiving God's mercy what should our relationship with God look like? How should receiving God's mercy impact our relationship with others?*

Prayer Time: Spend a moment asking God that we be people of mercy and grace. Ask God that mercy impact our attitude about others, our use of finances regarding generosity, and our expressions of gratitude towards God.